



FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL JAMES

Greetings Franklin Families,

Dear Franklin Families,

As principal of Franklin Elementary School, I have an open-door policy for students, parents and staff, and believe that the success of our partnership depends on mutual respect. I, along with the Franklin Elementary School staff will make every effort to educate your child in a safe, respectful, and caring environment.

Parental involvement is a key component of increasing student achievement. So, please attend Parent Teacher Conferences on 11-4-2022 to learn how you can support us in our efforts to improve student achievement. **We want, need and appreciate your support.**

Our goal is for every student to show one year of growth on the iReady Reading & Math Assessment.

Please feel free to contact me for any reason; my email is jamesm@district148.net, main office (708) 201-2083 and cell phone (708) 878-3162.

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.” —Princess Diana

Respectfully,

Martez R. James

Martez R. James, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 4—No School
(Parent/Teacher Confer-
ences)**

**November 8—No School
(Election Day)**

**November 11—No School
(Veteran’s Day)**

**November 18—SIP Day (12pm
Dismissal)**

**November 22—Board of Edu-
cation meeting**

**November 23-25 No School
(Fall Break)**



FROM THE DESK OF OUR SAFETY AND C.A.R.E FACILITATOR

Greetings Franklin Students and Parents,

During the month of November, we usually reflect on things that we are thankful for. Even though the past few years has presented us with a lot of challenges, there are TONS of great things that happened and are still happening (First African American woman Vice President-Kamala Harris, Poet Laureate-Maya Angelou was the first African American woman to be depicted on a coin, and something great for Chicago, a Chicago Bulls Forward became the first player in NBA history to hit buzzer beaters on consecutive days 🤩). How EXTRAORDINARY!!! So even though things may be different since Covid hit the world, we are still moving ahead with great changes! And like seasons, things change.

For November, as the Safety and C.A.R.E Facilitators our PBIS/character education focus will be integrity and Honorable. Students will be engaged in activities that demonstrate how to show integrity and honor to their friends, parents, teachers, community and themselves.

Just like still practicing safe habits in order to stay healthy, are necessary still, all of the following things will contribute to your success as a student: Continuing daily with the habit of respecting and following the teacher directions, doing classwork and homework completely, being kind to your classmates, respecting each other and each other's differences will help you

grow as good citizens.

Please continue to remain safe and healthy!

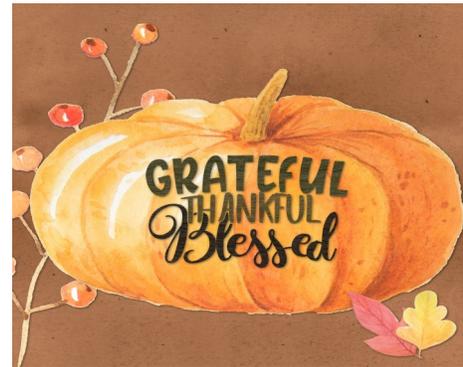
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Ms. Lane
CARE Facilitator

Mrs. Fields
Safety Facilitator



MESSAGE FROM OUR M.T.S.S. COORDINATOR

Hello Franklin Family,

This is the time of the year for reflecting on all the wonderful things we are thankful for. Time is moving swiftly and we are learning a lot. As the year progresses, it is important that all students come to class on time and prepared to learn. We want to make the best of our instructional time.

Remember to review sight and vocabulary words. Read at least 30 minutes daily. When reading, stop periodically to reflect on what you have read so far. Please continue to practice your math facts daily. Find fun ways to practice math by playing a board game or making your favorite dish.

Let's have a great November. Remember, we are all in this together.

**Mrs. Giles
MTSS Facilitator**

HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF SCHOOL IS IN SESSION?

Ways to know before you go:

Listen for the District's automated phone call. (Call will be made by 6:30 a.m. or earlier, if possible.)

Visit the District's website at www.district148.net

Use the Emergency Closing

Center's resources at www.emergencyclosings.com to check a specific school. The

ECC also allows visitors to sign up

for e-mail alerts when a school changes its status.

Watch/listen to the local news media:

WGN-AM 720

WBBM-AM 780

CBS-TV Channel 2

NBC-TV Channel 5

ABC-TV Channel 7

WGN-TV Channel 9

Fox TV Channel 32 CLTV News

***Please do not call the bus companies.**

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Happy Autumn!!

Autumn represents the preservation of life and its basic necessities. During this time, animals prepare for the winter by storing food and creating cozy hibernation space. Farmers work on their fall harvest by collecting a reserve of crops.

As we enter into this important season, let us keep in mind that we are on a journey of preparing our students for their journey through life. It is so important that all of us do our part. As educators and support staff; we pour into our students that information that they need for this journey. As parents

we give our students the love and support that is so important for them. As students we must come to school prepared to learn.

In conclusion, we will continue to address our students goals and objectives. We will also give them the support that they need to be successful academically and socially. We would like to also wish everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Costello K-4 Resource Teacher

Mr. Taylor 5&6 Resource Teacher

“Children learn more from what you are than what you teach ” - W.E.B. DuBois

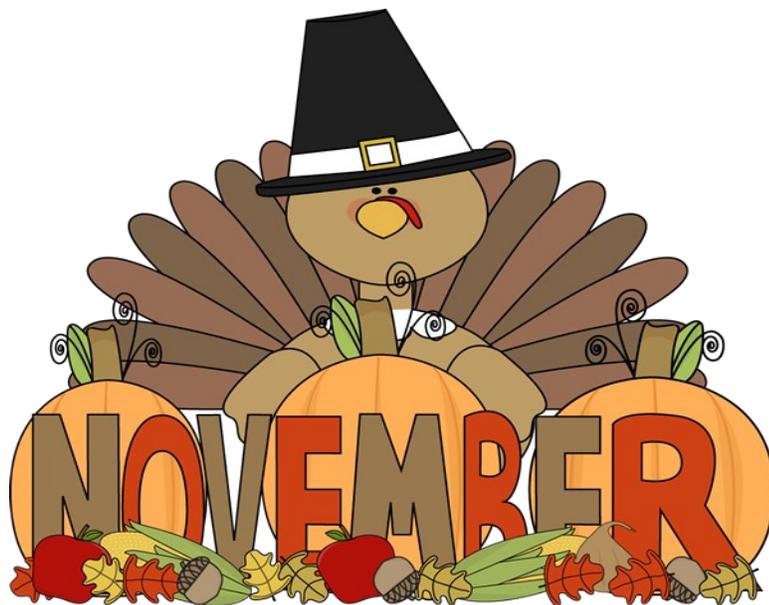
FROM THE DESK OF OUR SPEECH TEAM

Happy November! We are so excited to see all the changes Fall has brought outside and this has also brought some changes in our Speech Room! We are spending our time talking about all of the new vocabulary the weather brings! This month, the students will work on adding new seasonal vocabulary to their repertoire; describe these words – compare/contrast – find synonyms/antonyms. We will also continue working through seasonal stories this month to enhance our abilities to find characters and explain plots in stories!

We are so proud of our students and how persistently they are working in therapy. We have also noticed a big trend of friendship building in our Speech Room. Each of our students has come back this year and has made more effort to be helpful, encouraging, and supporting their therapy partners!

Keep it up Franklin Superstars!
You are smart, kind, hardworking,
and perfectly made!

Mrs. Jackson & Mrs. Suleska



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Greetings Kindergarten Families,

Where has the time gone? It is hard to believe that we are already into the second quarter of the 2022-23 school year. It is really amazing to watch how much the Kiddos have grown in just a few months! During the 1st quarter, we focused on Welcome to School, everything about Fall and "Getting to Know Me". The Kiddos learned and sang fall songs, read and listened to books about coming to school and the fall season and worked on Fall crafts.

The Kiddos are moving along the alphabet learning how to print the letters correctly, the sounds of the letters and make words using those sounds. During the second quarter the Kiddos will continue to receive Word Wall Words weekly, with writing the words being incorporated. We will be having a quiz on the sight words they have learned so far. In Math we are continuing with counting numbers, fill in the missing numbers and are starting pictorial addition. In the spirit of developing a love for reading, please con-

tinue to read with your Kiddo and sign the Read and respond Log nightly.

Our Kiddos are showing much excitement while learning and we enjoy being a part of their early learning experiences! As always continue to encourage your Kiddo to do his or her best at school.

Parents please check to see if your Kiddos supplies need to be replenished.

(pencils, crayons, glue sticks). As the weather starts to get cold please dress your Kiddo warmly, a blue/white sweater or long sleeves are suggested to wear while in the classroom.

Reminder: On Friday, November 4th (11:30am-6:00pm), are Parent/Teacher Conferences. We are looking forward to seeing you all there and talking about your Kiddos progress.

As always, we appreciate your continued support!

Mrs. Hanno & Ms. McKellar

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Please remember that every Friday your child will come home with a V.I.P. Folder. Inside, you will find your child's graded work, and any important information from me to you. Attached to the graded papers you will find a "Weeks' Worth of Work" form. Please detach the form, sign it, & return it to school. Be sure to go over the work and make corrections with your child.

Grading Scale

100%-90% A

89%-80% B

79%-70% C

69%-60 D

59% & Below

We are very busy learning to be great writers! Please encourage your first grader to use capitalization and punctuation properly when writing. This is a very challenging skill for most first graders to grasp, so the more reinforcement, the better! Please remind

your first grader to check for their target writing skills when doing their homework at home. Here is a list of the target skills for first grade so far:

- Punctuation
- Capitalization
- Spaces
- Super Words spelled correctly
- Using the headline, midline, and baseline when writing!

No floating letters!

Mrs. Barnett
Ms. Nicks

SECOND GRADE

Greetings Parents!

As the weather begins to turn cooler, please make sure to send your little one in a warm coat. We will still try to take advantage of these sunny days in spite of the cooler weather and go outside for recess.

In Math we will continue to work on word problems. Please practice memorizing math facts 1-20 addition and subtraction.

In Language Arts we are learning about plurals and sentence structure. That is why practicing writing sentences for homework is key. Homework completion has been low, and this is extra practice for them to write well.

In Reading, we are working on Phonograms and initial and final consonant blends. Please continue reading daily with your child. Your child's Reading log is so important. A great resource of free stories is storyonline.com. Check it out during the weekend or weekday.

We are hoping to end the first quarter strong and are looking forward to meeting you face to face for Parent Teacher conferences in November.

Please utilize class dojo for any and all communication. Be blessed.

Mrs. Radcliffe & Mrs. Taff

THIRD GRADE

Dear Parents, Our students have gotten off to a great start in 2021! We have included an overview of what we will be learning this month.

Reading Readers are fully immersed in our Connecting Character, Culture and Community unit. Throughout the unit, lessons have focused on our essential questions: How can others help us learn and grow?

Writing Writers are working on narratives. We have been incorporating dialogue, to show character responses, event sequence, using linking words, and providing a sense of closure.

Math Mathematicians will learn to perform the operation of 3-digit addition and subtraction while regrouping. Please have your student work on math facts nightly.

Social Studies will learn each will

learn about the regions within the United States. Students will also learn map skills.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or comments. If you have not signed up for class dojo or are struggling with signing up, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Third Grade Teachers

Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Williams

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Hello to all 4th grade families! It's hard to believe the 1st quarter is over. We have established classroom routines and are on our way to having a successful school year! Unit 1 in i-Ready Magnetic Reading has focused on summarizing, theme, making inferences, and describing characters. The 1st quarter in math were spent reviewing fact fluency, place value and comparing larger numbers into the hundred thousand. We are diligently working on multiplying multi-digit numbers. Ask your child what they are learning in these subjects. Please remember that all 4th graders participate in the Science Fair, which is on December 7th. We have been working hard on completing all the components to the scientific method. Please be sure your child is completing their homework nightly. As always, do not hesitate to reach out if

you have questions or concerns.

Happy Fall!

Mrs. Wiatrowski and Mrs. Vasser



FIFTH GRADE

Happy Fall! It's hard to believe, but we have completed our first quarter! We are so pleased with all of our hardworking 5th graders and look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 4th.

Both 5th grade classrooms are at the top of the Leaderboard for AR (accelerated reading) tests during library time. That tells us that we have a group of READERS! We are enjoying our new Reading series called iReady Reading Magnetic Learning. So far, we have covered the skills of theme, inferencing, and character traits. Students are learning to use text evidence to support their answers.

In Math students work weekly on the iReady Mathematics computer program called MyPath. These are lessons designed just for your student at their level. The goal is to pass 3 lessons per

week. During group instruction time we have been working on finding volume of rectangular prisms. This skill requires students to be able to use a formula, use knowledge of what they know, and multiply multiple numbers. It has been fun watching students' "light bulbs" go off when they make a connection.

Even though we are getting older, we still enjoy going out for recess, weather permitting. Please be sure that your child is dressed for the weather. As for indoor attire, students may wear a white or navy school sweater or crew neck sweatshirt. No hoodies will be allowed. Thank you for all of your support. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Mikolainis

Mr. Banks

MUSIC

Greetings,

We have been enjoying music this quarter, as we have been working on rhythm, time meters and the percussion family. Below is a summary of the topics and objectives we will cover for the month of November

Kindergarten and First Grade: We are discovering the various vocal tones we use in music. We have been using our singing, humming, whistling, speaking, shouting and whispering voices. We are learning the appropriate voices to use when setting the tone or mood of a song. Also, we are preparing for our Winter Musical. Kindergarten, first, second and third grade will present the musical “The Share Bears”. Further details will be sent home in a letter.

Second Grade: We are exploring what melody is and how the tones can move upward, downward, leap or repeat. We will practice matching tones accurately in given songs. Some of the music words we will cover are staff, bar line, measure, treble clef and pitch. Also, we are preparing for our Winter Musical, “The Share Bears”.

Third Grade: We are finishing a lesson on meter of 2 and a meter of 3. Next, we will understand how tones produce melody and review the solfege syllables.

Fourth Grade: We discovered and practiced singing various melodies. We are learning how to read tones from the staff. We are learning how to play simple melodies on our recorders.

Fifth Grade: We will investigate melodic phrases, and cadences. Students will discover the elements of an opera. They will watch a children’s opera “Starbird” and identify some of the elements we have studied.

Sixth Grade: The students will investigate dance forms, such as ballet, tap, and ballroom dancing. We will learn a few basic routines from each dance form. We will discuss time meters and Reggae music.

In conclusion, please continue to check your child’s progress on a weekly basis in PowerSchool. If you have any questions or concerns, then feel free to contact me. Please note that all grade levels will be preparing for a winter musical in December.

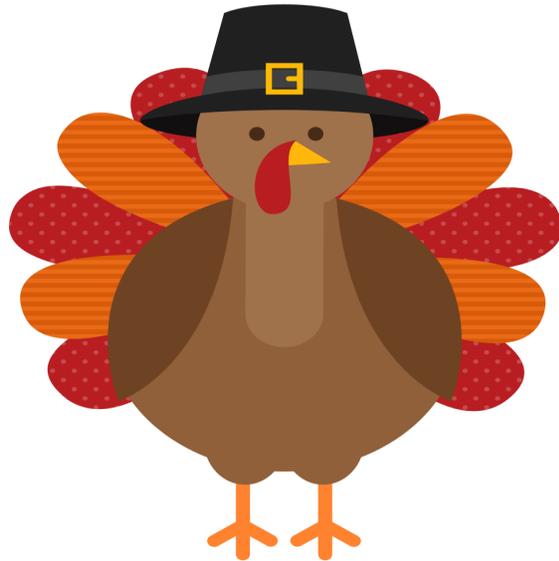
Enjoy,

Cynthia Reese, Music Instructor

Greetings families,

We have completed the first quarter of the year! As we proceed in the second quarter, we want to continue to establish and maintain the rituals and routines of the classroom. These include but are not limited to, completing and turning in assignments on time, practicing acceptable classroom and hallway behavior, as well as being in class, on time and prepared daily. Students should be practicing reading and math facts at home for 20 minutes daily. It is imperative that students study, in order for them to retain what is taught in class. Students' notes should include the objective of the lesson, vocabulary, and examples. Let us continue to work together for the success of all students.

-K. Joe
-T. Ware



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Hello Franklin families!

I can't believe we are at the end of the first quarter already! My hope is that we set a good tone for the rest of the year with the students excited to see what is coming next in PE class. We've covered a lot of team-building and fitness skills that will be the basis of the program going forward. To end the quarter, we performed a lot of football-based activities to work on strength, throwing and kicking skills. Moving into the second quarter, we will begin working on a lot of "striking" skills for the younger grades and more volleyball for the older grades. Moving into second

half of the quarter, we will get into most everybody's favorite sport...BASKETBALL! Finally, a quick reminder, we will have Parent-Teacher Conferences in person this year Friday, November 4th. Please feel free to stop in and see me if you have any questions at all.

Mr. Brannigan

ART BUZZ

Greetings Franklin Students and Families!

Students have been very busy creating and there's nothing I love more than displaying their artwork on the halls of the school! This month we will be moving our focus to all things color. Be sure to ask your student(s) what they have learned about color recently. Below are some art projects from first quarter. Enjoy!



Above: Second graders created hibiscus flowers with organic shapes. **Below:** Fifth grade created a radial design using their name!

ARTIST OF THE MONTH October



Cornisha Stokes

Cornisha is a hardworking fifth grader and is super responsible and respectful in art class! She put 100% into her name kaleidoscope project and her hard work really paid off! I've been impressed with her focus and attention to detail and can't wait to see what else she creates this year. Congratulations, Cornisha!



Right center: A sixth grader works on his realistic paint brush project. **Far right:** Sixth grade abstract circles and third grade symmetry designs. **Below left:** Third grade symmetry with markers and napkins! **Below Right:** First grade line fish swimming in the halls.

Z'Riyah Simmons
Z'Riyah is a fantastic second grader who always has her focus on learning and is ready for art class each week! She works hard on her projects, asks questions when she needs clarification, and is a good classmate. She always has a smile on her face which brightens my day! Keep up the great work, Z'Riyah!





November Student of the Month

Kindergarten Mrs. Spratt ~ Jade Williams

Kindergarten Mrs. Hanno ~ Zion Brown

1st Grade Ms. Barnett ~ Brielle Scott

1st Grade Ms. Nicks ~ Derwin Fells

2nd Grade Mrs. Radcliffe ~ Dylan Smith

2nd Grade Mrs. Taff ~ Mackenzie Forbish

3rd Grade Ms. Williams ~ Julian Washington

3rd Grade Mrs. Wilson ~ Desmond Meadows

4th Grade Mrs. Turner-Vasser ~ Cameron Dokes

4th Grade Mrs. Wiatrowski ~ Marissa Lacy

5th Grade Mr. Banks ~ Leslie Barraza

5th Grade Mrs. Mikolainis ~ Quorbin Brown

6th Grade Mrs. Joe ~ Melanie Perry

6th Grade Mrs. Ware ~ Kaziyah Hall