

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and
shadows will fall behind you."
- Walt Whitman

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 26 @ 5 - 6:30: PTC sledding night w/
hot cocoa and cookies (weather permitting)

February 27 @ 2:05: 2nd Grade Perf. Festival

March 2: United Way Reading Day

March 2 @ 6:00: School Board Meeting

March 3 @ 5:30: Parent Chat

March 3 @ 6:00: PTC Meeting

March 12 @ 2:05: 1st Grade Performance Festival

March 16 - April 10: Grade 3-6 Math and ELA
Maine Educational Assessments

March 17: Read ME Day

March 26 @ 2:05: Kindergarten Perf. Festival

April 2 @ 2:05: Pre-K and Encore Perf. Fest.

April 6 @ 6:00: School Board Meeting

April 7 @ 5:30: Parent Chat

April 20-24: Vacation

May 1 @ 5 - 7:30: Spaghetti supper & raffle
playground fundraiser night

Principal's Message

It's wonderful to have all of our students back, healthy it seems, and happy to be catching up with friends and teachers after some fun filled and restful time with family.

We get to boast about two Edgecomb sixth graders who represented our school in the county spelling bee. Kiara Bridges and Zierra Bercasio, we are proud of your perseverance and work ethic.

Enjoy these photos of our students during mix-it-up-at-lunch and crazy for kindness day. Our random acts of kindness tree is blossoming with bucket fillers, and our table overflowed with donations to the animal shelter. The coin drive for the shelter raised \$83.56 and four lucky students who guessed closest to that amount will be delivering the items and donation money to the shelter in person with Mrs. Bezon in the next week.





Mrs. Gosselin's 1st Grade

In December, the first graders had a lot of fun celebrating holidays around the world! We made “suitcases” and “traveled” to 6 different countries. Our first stop was France where we learned that children call Santa, Pere Noel. We then traveled to Italy where children wait for La Befana to bring them gifts. Our next stop was Mexico where we stayed for the nine day celebration called Las Posadas! In Russia, Ded Moroz brings children presents for the New Year and Babushka visits them with gifts for Christmas. In Sweden we learned that the children celebrate a holiday called St. Lucia Day. The oldest daughter has to wake up early to serve her family breakfast. Our last stop was Israel where children celebrate Hanukkah. They light candles on a Menorah and play a game called Dreidel. Upon our return home, we made our parents shadow boxes capturing our own family traditions.

We started off February by focusing on kindness. We had fun creating bees for the “bee” kind bulletin board. We added to this theme by creating fun “bee” snacks. Super hero day was lots of fun. We focused on being everyday heroes. We had lots of crazy hairdos and outfits on Wednesday as we celebrated the 100th day of school. We wrapped up our kindness activities on Friday with Valentine’s Day.



Classroom Corner



Mrs. Currier's 3rd Grade

Hello families,

Grade three has been doing great work! They put on an amazing grade 3 performance festival, had two top spellers in the school spelling bee, and are wrapping up their Science Fair projects!

In literacy grade three has been working on unit 4 with a lesson that addresses how amazing our world is, and that we all need to be thinking about how we can protect it! The class made some wonderful "save the earth" posters, and posted them around the school to remind others to be conscious of their environmental impact. In math class students have done a great job with lesson 5, exploring fractions and working on multiplication fact strategies. We will start math lesson 6 in February, please keep an eye out for the parent letter which will be coming home soon! Our science fair projects have been an opportunity for students to choose a topic, research, and then engineer and design their presentations. Students have done great work on these projects! In social studies we are currently reading American Folktales and learning about America's history from each of the diverse regions.

- Mrs. Currier





Integrated Studies: Mindfulness and Movement

On these cold days, I've tried to incorporate more movement into the classroom when we can't get outside. Recently, grades 4-6 have been learning how to work together through partner poses on the mat, and in creating a three-part Secret Handshakes with their partner.

There's been laughter and growth, for sure, but here, specifically, are the benefits of partner work like this:

- *It encourages trust with your partner.

- *It helps to develop communication skills. Listening and expressing oneself takes practice. Keep trying!

- *It creates a strong sense of physical and emotional support. Encouraging each other helps foster a strong bond between partners.

- *It's creative!

- *It gives students a safe way to move their bodies in space!

Are you up to the challenge of learning one of 4-6 Secret Handshakes?

- Mrs. MacCready



Classroom teachers had fun gearing up for our 100th day of school. It is hard to believe today is already the 104th day of school - time flies. You can see pictures of our students enjoying the festivities on our FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/edgecombeddy/>

Miss Monroe's Pre-K

We started January off by talking about penguins. We did a KWL chart (Know, Want to know, Learned) before and after reading books about penguins and watching videos about them. We read some nonfiction and fiction books about penguins and we discussed how we could sometimes immediately tell that a book was fiction (or "not real"). Some of the fiction penguin books we read, the penguins had clothes or were playing on a soccer team!

We also became interested in walrus and soon after read the wordless picture books: Where's Walrus and Where's Walrus? And Penguin? by Stephan Savage. We **love** reading wordless and nearly wordless picture books because we get to take a closer look at the pictures and try to work together to find out what the author and illustrator are trying to tell us! If you haven't been reading any wordless picture books at home, you should give it a try! I have a lot of fun suggestions if you need any!

We have continued working on being kind friends in our classroom. We each were given the chance to share something that makes us different and special. We also shared kind things we can do towards others, and have noticed and named kind things we have seen classmates do for others. We really enjoyed Kindness Week just before our February break.



A few other fun things: our librarian visit with Ms. Harolyn, Martin Luther King Jr., continuing to learn more letters (especially practicing with the "I Have Who Has" game!), Groundhog Day, Jan Brett books, Robert Munsch books, Mystery Numeral, and we had a wonderful time on the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day!



Mrs. Casey's Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten class jumped into January! They have been learning all about the Solar System. We started by talking about what makes day or night, then moved into learning about the phases of the moon. Many students have had a turn bringing home the moon bag and recording the phase of the moon. After reading and recording about the moon we learned the names and order of the planets in our solar system. Students have really enjoyed making solar system crowns, planet flip books, and learning which planet is the hottest and which is the coldest. Students have moved on from writing their letters to writing words and sentences. We have started a new activity called "Write the Room". Students read cards that have been placed around the room and then write the word on their recording sheet. We have completed words beginning with A,B,C,D. In literacy students have been continuing to blend words and beginning to identify the final sound in a word. In math we have been working on counting numbers 50-100, identifying coins and what each coin is worth, and playing a new game called "Top It". We had a great time celebrating the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day!



News from Ms. Rose's Room



Every year students in Grades 4 - 8 throughout the State of Maine have the opportunity to read newly published, quality books and vote for their favorite. In order to vote, students must read at least three books from the list of 40 nominees before the end of March. No adults can vote!

At this writing, 5 students in Grade Four are qualified to vote, with Skyler in the lead, having read 12 nominated books so far with 2 months to go. Not to be outdone, Grades Five/Six also have 5 qualified students already. Kiara leads the whole pack, having already finished 16 of the 40 nominated books, and always ready to read more.

Do you know any students in grades 4 - 8? Ask them how many books they've read and which one is their favorite... so far. There are still almost 2 months to read more of these books before the voting deadline.

Recently in social studies, Grades 4-6 have been working on their map skills. Some of us were intrigued to discover that North America has more than three countries! Some islands that *look* like countries actually belong to distant lands! Others are fascinated by the latitude and longitude system that standardizes mapmaking, and helps us find specific places more easily.

Here are some random comments from some fourth graders:

"Fourth Grade is awesome because we get homework almost every day. I love homework!" JZ

"We get stickers." SH

"We have an awesome teacher." MW

"We get to see Mrs. Browne for Math." AB

"I like learning about latitude and longitude, and the New England States." SS

"I like Fourth Grade because we get to learn about Maine." GC

Performance Festival Schedule for the Rest of the Year

2/27 - 1st Grade Sign-up

3/5 - 1st Grade Audition

3/12 - 1st Grade Performance Festival

3/12 - Kindergarten Sign-up

3/19 - Kindergarten Audition

3/26 - Kindergarten Performance Festival

4/2 - Pre-K/Encore Performance Festival

Mrs. Crocker's 2nd Grade

Second grade had a wonderful time celebrating the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day! There were so many wonderful things we got to see during the 100th Day Show and Tell. Our focus has been really focusing on emotion regulation so we can be the best learner's possible! Our "Be A Learner" Program has taught us how to be respectful, responsible, and reflective in school. We are thankful to have Mrs. Slack guide us every Friday in Second Step so we can reflect on our week and plan for the next! Ask your students to show you how to add and subtract 3 and 4 digit numbers at home, they are AMAZING at it!



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