



THE NEW L.E.A.P.S. ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

November 2018



Thankfulness

This month is all about being thankful for what you have and giving back to those you appreciate. What are you most thankful for?

Make My Own Lunch Day



Dates to Remember

- ⇒ November 4th
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- ⇒ November 6th
Election Day
- ⇒ November 19th-24th
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

DON'T FORGET:

EVERY FRIDAY IS FANTASTIC FRIDAY! IF YOUR CHILD IS PARTICIPATING IN THE FUN LUNCH OPTION, PLEASE SUBMIT ORDER/PAYMENT BY THE THURSDAY BEFORE.

November Birthdays

- ◆ 11/1 Reed Hellbaum
- ◆ 11/4 Ms. Ivette
- ◆ 11/11 Ms. Stacy
- ◆ 11/25 Holly Levy
- ◆ 11/26 Ms. Cindy



Greetings from the Principal

Dear families,

What a wonderful feeling to be enjoying the crispness in the air lately! The weather has turned out to be pleasant and students are gearing up for the holiday season. We had loads of fun trick-or-treating in the neighborhood. Thank you to all the nearby businesses that accommodated our students.

All our students are settled in, and learning and progressing daily. Our learning has been hands-on, and the month of November we will be talking more about the community giving. For Thanksgiving, the students are working on bringing food baskets to our community helpers such as firefighters and police officers around our area, expressing our gratitude for their unparalleled service. We are so thankful to each one of our students, parents, therapists, staff, and board of directors, who have a heart of compassion and render service daily. We will be preparing meals to thank first responders in our area for all their sacrifice and hard work. I am proud of our students as they are excited to give back to the community.

Please be reminded that all students are expected to be at school no later than 8:15 a.m. unless any special permission. It is important that the students start their day early and have the best learning throughout the day. So, when booking an appointment, please make sure it does not interfere with their learning. As the second quarter is short, please make sure that the student continues doing their homework and kindly make reading a priority.

Enjoy an evening stroll with your family and make memories as much as possible. If there are any concerns or compliments, please contact me at 813-973-7938 or 813-979-0744 or pearlyn@newleaps.org



Pearlyn Rajamanickam

Principal and Director of Curriculum,



Classroom Connection

Mr. Frank's Class

One of the things students have been excited about is learning how to use the newspaper. It seems none of them had looked at one before and they enjoyed learning about all the parts; where the news is, what classifieds are and fun stuff like comics and puzzles. We have tied this in with our reading, where we have been learning what the main idea of a story is. The headlines in the paper make a nice correlation to that. We have also used the paper to discuss current events in social studies and U.S. government and even science.

The computer lab is up and running. We are using the computer to study our spelling vocabulary. The students use "Wordly Wise", a spelling and vocabulary textbook, on quizlet. Quizlet is a very useful free web site that has all of the Wordly Wise chapters online with many useful interactive activities such as "learn, write, spell, flashcards, match, test". You can search Wordly Wise 3000 bk4 lesson on google and quizlet will be the first site that shows up. We also use the website Starfall which teaches early alphabet and reading through about sixth grade reading. We have also been learning a little computer programming in class, and right now that is on paper but I want them to start learning that on the computer as well. If anyone has any good children's programs they would like to donate, that would be appreciated. We currently have three desktops and one laptop that has windows 10. I have a lot of good programs that run only on XP so we could use some newer software or if you have a good running XP computer we could use that as well.



It also seems most of the students have gotten used to keeping their reading log, which is a log of the reading they do at home. This is an important part of their homework. They are also doing a good job of completing their weekly homework packets.



Another highlight was the day the students made their own lunch. They really enjoyed that and did a great job. I believe this really boosted their confidence and we are planning more such occupation and practical experiences in the future.

In fact just today we carved two pumpkins and all the children helped with designing and carving and scooping out the "yucky" guts. By all the laughter I would say they had a great time!

-Mr. Frank

Mr. Marc's Class

Mr. Pellicano's students had a busy month, as usual, during the month of October. Earlier this month, the kids learned the origins and history of the dream catcher. Then, each student had a chance to make their own.

During recess and after school, the students, with the help of Ms. Angela, created some ghastly creatures, which were displayed in the North lobby.

What Halloween would be complete without some good, old-fashioned pumpkin carving? There were four pumpkins for the entire student body to design and carve.

There is now a pinball machine located in a small room off of the north lobby. Many students tried pinball for the first time.

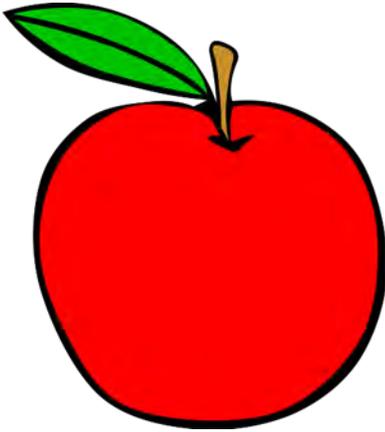
In Civics, we focused on forms of government, and talked a little about the upcoming mid-term elections.

We started reading 'Bridge to Terabithia' as part of language arts/reading classes. There is a story box assignment planned when we finish the book.

-Mr. Marc



Letter from the Director



Happy Fall! Is it fall? One would never know with the extremely warm temperatures we have been experiencing here in Florida, however my friends and family in New England are enjoying cooler temps and lots of outside activities including apple picking, hayrides, pumpkin patches and leaf peeping as the fall colors are so vibrant now. It's the time of year that the holidays come up quickly and the school days become less due to the holiday time off. We want the kids to enjoy the holidays but also understand what they mean, therefore we are planning some spectacular learning events for them.

Thanksgiving – the students will be “giving thanks” to our first responders – the local fire stations and Sheriff departments. The lunches will be made with the help of community donations, family members, students and staff. This teaches the children to always thank those who serve and protect us. The men and women will come by and pick up their bag lunches from the kids at our schools. This is an extremely important day for our kids and the community. We would love for some newspaper, tv news or social media exposure should anyone know anyone in the industry. We would love our kids to shine and be recognized.

The students will be discussing all the holidays that come in December and we will orchestrate a visit from Santa on Friday, December 21st. (more details to follow)

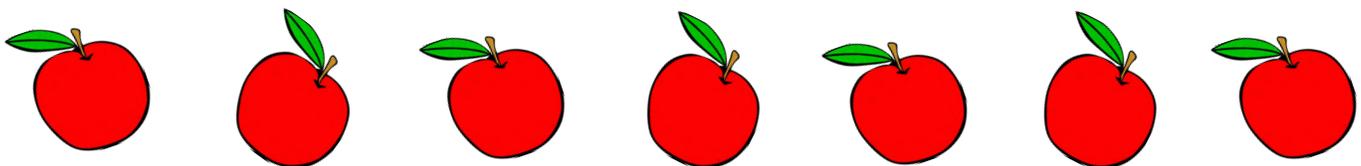
There is a very important fundraiser coming up and we kindly request all parents and staff to work to make this event a success. There will be donations needed, time keepers needed, runners needed, sponsors needed for each child and also to get the word out. Information will be sent home soon. This event will be held in Wesley Chapel on December 8th. Please contact your school office to see what you can do to help out.

Remember this is YOUR child's school and you should be happy and proud to ask for donations and sponsorship so we continue to grow and offer more to all kids. Our community needs us.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Natale".

Deb Natale



Halloween Fun!



November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Happy Birthday Ms. Ivette! Daylight Savings Time Ends		Election Day		Happy Birthday Reed Hellbaum!		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Happy Birthday Ms. Stacy! Veteran's Day	National Pizza Day				Progress Reports	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Thanksgiving Break No School	Thanksgiving Break No School Universal Children's Day	Thanksgiving Break No School	Thanksgiving Break No School	Thanksgiving Break No School	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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