

The Smart Dog

Memorial School Newsletter

Principal's Message

With Thanksgiving approaching, I would like to thank the staff, students, and families of Memorial School for all their hard work and dedication in making this school year a successful one. I hope that everyone enjoys Thanksgiving with their families.

As we move into the winter holiday season, Memorial School will set up our Mitten Tree collection. We are hoping to collect many mittens, hats, and scarves to donate to a local agency in need. This helps emphasize to students the importance of giving during the holidays.

TPK News

During the fall months of October and November, preschool students have been busy learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin and observing what's inside. We also learned about fire safety rules.

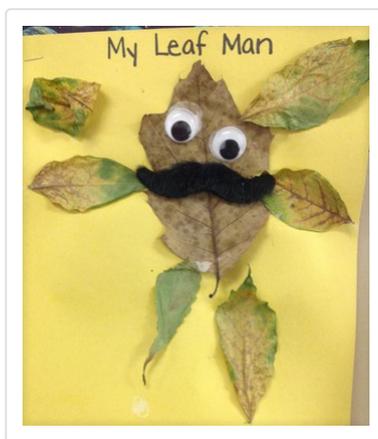
The students loved dressing up for Halloween and dancing to fall music! We continued with lessons and activities about scarecrows, crows, fall harvest, and what we are truly thankful for during this holiday time. We read many stories and made turkey hats and crafts related to Thanksgiving. We hope that all our preschool families enjoy a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!





Kindergarten News

November has been a fun month in Kindergarten! In Reading and Writing we are continuing to identify letters and their sounds. We have been practicing letter formation as well. We have been identifying red words, rhyming words, nouns and verbs. In Math, we have been representing numbers in various ways. We have also been using ten frames to show different ways to make ten. In Science, we have learned about the parts of a leaf and created leaf projects. We have also learned why leaves change color in the fall. In Social Studies, we have been discussing Thanksgiving. The children have had time to share their traditions with their classmates as well. We look forward to learning many new things next month!



First Grade News

Fall has arrived! First grade students enjoyed different activities during Red Ribbon Week. They were excited to show their classmates their crazy socks and favorite sport team. They learned all about making good healthy choices. First grade ended the week with wearing their Halloween costumes to school. The first grade has decided to say "Boo" to making unhealthy choices. We look forward to the upcoming holiday season.



Second Grade News

In math, second grade students have been working on addition and subtraction. They have been adding using double facts, making ten to add, and even using algebra to add! We have also been subtracting using drawings and equations. We are working hard on solving math word problems by using different strategies and skills. The students enjoy learning while using their laptops throughout the lessons. They are experts at logging on and using websites such as, Teams, Clever, Think Central, Seesaw, Splashlearn, and ABCya.

Second grade students have been doing a wonderful job reading many different types of stories. We have read fiction, realistic fiction, non-fiction, and informational texts. Most recently, they have been learning about all kinds of different animals and how they build their homes.

Teachers have been using Mystery Science to teach students many neat things about materials, properties and engineering. We also learned many interesting facts related to Fall, such as, why leaves change color.

In social studies, we have been learning about land forms and oceans, maps, and the compass rose. We also learned about the continents.

With the Thanksgiving holiday near, the students have been brainstorming, planning, and writing about what they are thankful for. They have done a great job! The second grade teachers are **THANKFUL** for all of their wonderful students. Keep up the great work!!

Dates to Remember

December 23: 1:15 dismissal

December 24 - January 3: School closed

January 4: School reopens



Mitten Tree

Memorial School will be accepting donations for our fifteenth annual Mitten Tree from December 7th to December 18th. Last year, we collected 255 items thanks to the generosity of our families.

Once again, we are asking each family to send in one new pair of gloves or mittens to be hung on our holiday tree. All donated items will be shared with area agencies in need. New

scarves, hats, and socks would also be appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

Report Cards

The Totowa School District has been utilizing the parent portal to increase communication with our parents. Report cards will no longer be sent home but can be accessed on the portal. Parents can view the school calendar, grades, attendance and assessment results via Realtime. If you are having difficulty logging in, please contact Mrs. Voorhis at 973-956-0010 ext. 1101.

