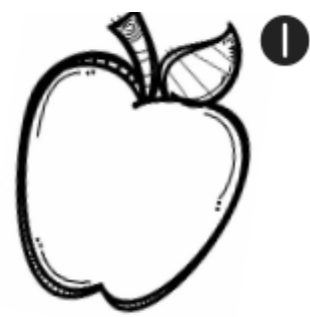


# Learning *and* Loving It!

## The County Road and Luther Lee Emerson...



# NEWSLETTER



October 9, 2020

### Important Dates

- 10/12 Half Day, no virtual afternoon sessions/Staff PD
- 10/14 No Homework Night
- 11/3 No School, Parent Conferences via Zoom
- 11/5-11/6 Teacher's Convention No School



### Week of Respect

Even though our schools are virtual, Mrs. Spence planned fun spirit days for our students to celebrate the Week of Respect! On Monday, students wore their Demarest apparel to show Wildcat school spirit! On Tuesday, students celebrated their cultures by wearing something that makes them unique. On Wednesday, students wore red, white and blue to show that they are united against bullying. On Thursday, students wore their clothes backwards to symbolize that words that hurt can't be taken back. On Friday, students followed their dreams and put bullying to bed by wearing their pajamas. Activities and lessons about respect will continue throughout the month of October.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This past week has definitely been a change for all of us. However, I am so proud of our students for their ability to adapt to an ever-changing world. I would also like to applaud our staff for being so well prepared to change to remote learning without interrupting the education of our students.

It is important that we all continue to practice social distancing in and outside of school. I have said it before but I feel it needs repeating, we will all get through this as one community.

**Below are some safety tips while wearing a mask. Also, I ask that you all please remember that if there is a concern or question for your child's teacher to do so via email. Please do not interrupt the teacher while they are teaching. That is time for only the teachers and students to be interacting. Additionally, a teacher may not be able to get back to you during the school day as they are teaching during that time.**

Thank you as always for your cooperation and dedication to our schools.

Best,

Mr. Mazzini

### Mask Tips to Stay Healthy

**When putting on a mask:**

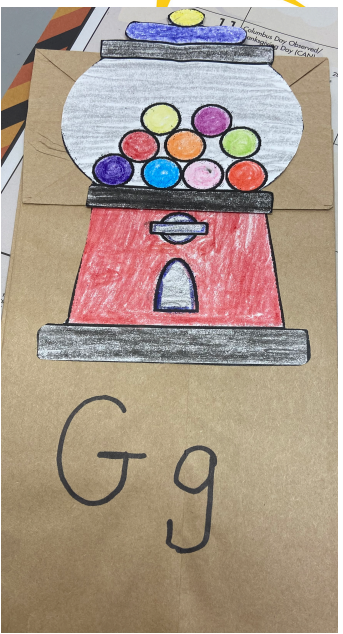
- Always start by washing your hands with soap and water before putting on a mask.
- Make sure the mask is clean. Check it for a tear or a hole. Do not wear it if dirty or damaged.
- Adjust the mask to securely cover the mouth, nose and chin, leaving no gaps on the sides.
- Make sure it is comfortable to breathe.

**While wearing a mask:**

- Change the mask if it gets dirty or wet.
- Do not pull the mask down under the nose or chin, or wear it on your head - it should fully cover the mouth and nose to be effective.
- Do not touch the mask while wearing it.

**When taking off a mask:**

- Wash your hands before taking off the mask.
- Take off the mask by removing it using the elastic loops or ties. Avoid touching the front of the mask.
- Wash your hands after removing the mask.
- Fabric masks should be washed after each use and stored in a clean bag.
- Medical masks are single-use and should be disposed of in a closed bin.



## Spotlight on Kindergarten

We have been kicking off the beginning of autumn with various activities. Kindergarten students have learned all about apples, Johnny Appleseed, and changes in the weather that come with fall. They are also learning sequencing with part of a pumpkin. In addition, October is the beginning of Fire Safety Month, so our students will be learning all about how to be safe in the event of an emergency. This includes who to call, stop, drop, & roll, and safe exit strategies. We also talked about what firemen wear and not to be afraid of them with their gear on.

Every week the students participate in activities from our Phonics First Program. We introduce one letter a week and learn its sound and how to write the uppercase and lowercase letter using our Handwriting Without Tears Program. In addition, students complete a multisensory activity incorporating the new letter. For example, students make a gumball machine puppet when learning the letter Gg.

