



Bulldog Bulletin

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Classroom News

October 11-14, 2019 Fall Break

October 21, 2019 Report Cards

October 31, 2019 Halloween Dress Up

PRE-K

Pre-K continues to work on their letter sounds and counting. We are learning to recognize and write our name. We are understanding about our community through our pretend and learn center (farm stand and being a cook). We are doing our best to walk and be quiet in the hallway. We are practicing kindness and cool down strategies that will help us in life. We are using our helping hands to assist our friends when needed. We are having so much fun learning how to be productive citizens and experience the world around us.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is having a great year! We ask that you continue to read with your child at home. Please also practice counting with your child 1-100. We are learning lots of new things. In reading we are still working on firming up our letter knowledge. In math, we have just finished up patterns and we are now starting to work on

numbers 1-10. In science, we have been learning about solids, liquids, and gas. We have just started the 5 senses. In comprehension, we are busy at making text-to-self connections.

FIRST GRADE

First grade has been working extremely hard this year! We have been so proud of the work the students are putting in each day in math, reading, writing, and social studies! In math, students are working on counting from 1-110, as well as, counting backwards from 30. In reading, students are practicing making text-to-self connections in both fiction and non-fiction texts. Students are learning to brainstorm while writing, as well as, focusing on letter formation in handwriting. For science and social studies, we have just wrapped up our Maps Unit and are about to start learning about Seasons! Please continue to complete the extra math practice and word lists that are being sent home. Additionally, be sure to read with your child each night to help them develop as readers!

SECOND GRADE

Second grade is starting place value in math. We will learn how to read, write, and compare numbers through the hundreds place.

Then we will learn how to round to the nearest tens place.

In reading, we have begun working in non-fiction texts. We always encourage reading with your child each night! Ask them to point out some text features that they have been learning about.

We have finished social studies for the 1st nine weeks and are switching to science. We are starting with our weather unit.

THIRD GRADE

The first quarter has been EXTRAORDINARY! Third graders are learning to make predictions in their reading and apply those skills to books they have chosen. In math, we are learning to estimate to find the sum and difference of two numbers. In science, students will be learning about matter. Please continue to watch your child's agenda and the REMIND app for updates regarding field trip information. We will be sending this information home shortly as soon as it is approved! Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's education!

FOURTH GRADE

Happy Fall 4th grade families! As we continue to move into the next nine weeks we ask that you please study multiplication facts with students every night. The nightly review will allow students to master these facts that are so fundamental for our upcoming math units. In Virginia Studies, we'll be moving into our unit on Jamestown. We are taking our field trip to Jamestown this year. Please be on the lookout for more information coming very soon. In this next nine weeks in science we'll be finishing up our electricity unit and will move into our study of space (Earth, moon, and planets). During our writing block, we've been working on personal narratives. We'll be continuing these the next couple of weeks. The week of October 21st-25th will be our county writing assessment. Please ensure students are here every day on time that week. Lastly, please make sure to check homework folders and agendas nightly and have students study/complete their

assignments on time. Thank you so much for your continued support.

FIFTH GRADE

In fifth grade, we have reviewed some material from previous grades and started to learn some new skills. In reading, we have reviewed predicting, setting, genres, and text structure. We have also been reviewing how to find answers in the text. We are really focusing on story structure which includes figuring out what the conflict and resolution of a story is. In math, we have reviewed place value, rounding, and adding/subtracting numbers. We have been working on the skills of evaluating expressions using the order of operations and how to multiply decimal numbers. (A lot of students are struggling with knowing their basic math facts (+ - x ÷ numbers 0-10), so please find a set of flash cards or a review game to practice these until they are automatic.) In science, we have reviewed investigations, measurement, force & motion, and matter. We are currently learning about sound. In social studies, we have reviewed continents & oceans, map reading skills, and weather. We have learned about the Native Americans of North America and are starting our unit of exploration in the 1400s. In writing, we have reviewed capital letters, commas, sentence structure, and paragraph structure and are working on using these skills to learn to write stories and essay.

Here are some quick tips for success:

- make sure you do your assignments to the best of your ability and turn them in on time,
- when you are struggling with something, ask for help,
- make sure you are reading at least 20 minutes each day,
- make sure you are studying at least ten minutes each day,
- review your grades on Infinite Campus regularly, and
- make sure you are turning off your devices at least an hour before bedtime and getting

a minimum of eight hours of sleep each night.

Happy Fall



PTA Corner:

WOW!!! BES knows how to surpass a goal!!!
THANK YOU so much for your partnership for the 2019 FUN RUN!!!

Our grand total was: \$13,721.61. We are so excited for our FUN QUEST night (October 18), which will be FREE to all students.

Come hang out, skate, enjoy a yummy treat and let your kids have a blast!! Forms will go home for you to sign up to attend.

You must get your FREE tickets in advance, they can not be given out at the door!

Save the Date for Upcoming events:

Friday, Oct. 18th: Fun Quest Reward for reaching Fun Run goal

Friday, Oct. 25th: BES Night @ the William Campbell football game

Wednesday, Nov. 7th @ 6 p.m. PTA Meeting

There are past and present BES shirts available for purchase in the office.

\$5.00-\$10.00

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