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Our character trait for the month of October is tolerance.

Roundup In Learning

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
October 13 *National School Lunch Week *Book Fair	October 14 *Picture Money Due * <u>Book Fair Open</u> <u>for Parents</u> <u>3-6 p.m.</u>	October 15 *Book Fair	October 6	October 19 *Drug Prevention—Red Ribbon Week *National School Bus Safety Week * October 19 & 20th Fall Break—NO SCHOOL

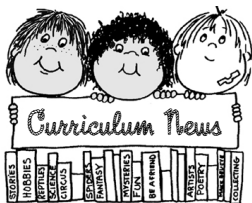
“Paws-abilities” at GES

October

- 9-15 ~ Book Fair
- 12-16 ~ National School Lunch Week
- 14 ~ Book Fair Open for Parents 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- 14 ~ Picture Money Due
- 17-25 ~ Drug Prevention Red Ribbon Week
- 19-20 ~ Fall Break—**No School**
- 20-23 ~ National School Bus Safety Week
- 28 ~ End of 1st Nine Weeks
- 30~ GHS Homecoming - Go Tigers!
- 31 ~ **Change in Times—Halloween/Trick or Treating**
5:00-7:00 p.m.

In math, students have learned numerals 1 – 6. They make patterns with bears, count objects to match with the numerals, sort objects, and learn the names of different shapes. They discover what it means to "speak like a mathematician". Ask your kindergartner what a quadrilateral is! To practice sorting at home, your child can help put away forks, knives and spoons or sort socks and other clothing in the laundry. Practice counting cereal, beans, and buttons. Go on a "shape hunt" around your house.

Please make certain you send a healthy snack for your child each day. Our lunch time is from 12:30 to 1:00. Children that do not have a snack become very hungry. Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their children. We would love to have you join us!



Kindergarten News

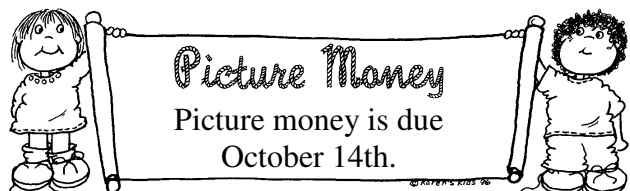
Kindergarten is off to a great start. Students are busy learning letters and sounds in reading. They have learned some sight words and are using them to learn how to read

and write sentences. The best "homework" for kindergarten students is for parents to read to their children every day! Each week children go to the library and check out books. Parents, please read this book with your child for pleasure and encourage him/her to find the sight words that have been studied. This is a fun activity.

Many five-year-olds are not developmentally ready to write well yet. Some activities to try at home to strengthen the muscles in children's hands are playing with modeling clay or play dough, picking up beans or buttons with tweezers, and using clothespins to pick up small objects.

Capri Sun Pouches & Printer Ink Cartridges

Save your Capri Sun pouches and ink cartridges! The library will be saving them and using the money to purchase books.



PreK News

October is a busy month for PreK children.

In science students are learning about living and non-living things. They are matching mother and baby animals, going on nature walks, cutting out magazine pictures and charting results. Children discuss "families", draw family portraits, read about animal/people families, compare and contrast likenesses and differences, and make habitats.

This week in reading the students are learning the letter "m". They practice writing the letter "m", make silly sentences and chart words that begin with "m". Children are using books, songs and finger plays such as "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep", "Hokey Pokey Dokey", "If You're Happy and You Know It", "Smokey the Bear", and "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" to develop vocabulary.

Math activities are one-to-one correspondence, count how many, and match a cube to a bear.

There are many center activities. These include the "feel box", drawing what you feel, examining leaves of different colors/shapes with magnifying glasses, comparing weights of fall items, and charting activities. The construction center includes building homes for families and using the car rug. The dramatic play center offers opportunities to role-play and present puppet shows. Children copy simple shapes and listen to books in the listening and writing center. Sifting for treasures using buckets and shovels, playing with dump trucks, cooking in the mud kitchen, using play dough, and discovering the pull of magnets make up the sand center. The trike center is a big hit. It includes practicing stopping and slowing down and using a stop sign as a signal.

Please check out these great web sites for our children: Starfall.com and Kidzone.com.



Reduce & Reuse Recycle Tips

Take cloth bags along to the grocery store. This reduces the use of plastic and paper bags.

Fire Safety at Home

Last week was Fire Safety Week at GES. Be sure to follow up with these important lifesaving activities with your child at home.

Work with your child to conduct a fire-safety scavenger hunt at home.

1. How many smoke alarms are in your home?
Write the number here: ____ You should have smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area.
2. Where is your Outside Meeting Place? _____

3. Look in your bedroom. What are two ways out of this room?

4. When was your last family fire drill? _____
Do a family fire drill twice a year.

Do your family fire drill today!

- Call the family together. Let everyone know that you are going to do a family fire drill.
- Explain that when the smoke alarm goes off, everyone should quickly and carefully leave the home and go to the Outside Meeting Place.
- Ask everyone to go to a different room and wait for the alarm. Set off the fire alarm by pushing the reset test button and watch your family's reactions.
- When everyone reassembles at the Outside Meeting Place, ask each family member to explain exactly what he or she did after the alarm went off. Make your drill count! Go to sparky.org/firedrill to register your drill.

Fire-safety information brought to you by NFPA.

Continue to be cautious...

Cover your mouth • Use a tissue • Wash your hands

