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Rescoe Report

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Friendly Reminders & Important Information

Mission Statement:

STEWART STRONG
Together
Stewart Builds
Strong **Minds**
Strong **Character**
And Strong **Bodies**
for
LIFELONG
EXCELLENCE



Half days of school:

October 20
October 31
November 4
November 23
(NO LATE START)

Our Stewart P.T.O. does so much! We wouldn't have playground equipment, popcorn for D.E.A.R., fall festival, Breakfast with Santa, field trips, enrichment, Accelerated Reader, and so much more without their support-financially and by volunteering. Information on Stewart's ReFresh Fundraiser was sent home a while ago. Please consider making a donation to ReFresh the P.T.O. funds. Additionally, an on-line auction will be happening to help ReRefresh our funds; more information will be sent home on the auction later.

The Stewart P.T.O. is in need of empty, clear, and clean gallon and half-gallon milk jugs for a Craft during Breakfast with Santa.

Also, if you have not returned the purple volunteer form or the form to submit your email address for the P.T.O., please send those in immediately.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter with your child's login and password for Reading Eggs AND Math Seeds. This is an on-line way to practice reading and math skills. As students master skills, they advance in lessons. This is a great way to practice from home. Progress made in the program is saved.

We will have a Halloween parade/party on October 31 at 10:15 a.m. Please keep in mind that young children attend our school, so scariness should be kept to a minimum. Make-up, as well as, "weapons" should be saved for actual trick-or-treating. **COSTUMES SHOULD NOT BE WORN TO SCHOOL.** They should be sent in a bag. Please take into consideration that your child's independence in getting dressed is greatly appreciated. You may want your child to practice putting on and taking off the costume. **We could definitely still use parent volunteers to help out.** Please email me if you can help.



Star Student of the Week

Hi! My name is Poisha. My favorite color is pink. I enjoy eating cold lunch. Yum! Writing is my favorite subject. When I grow up, I want to be a doctor.

Here's what is happening in our class this week!

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Reading: We will continue with our theme "Growing Up". Students will build comprehension by identifying sequence of events while reading How You Grew and Birds Get Big. Students will learn how to use a test strategy upon reading a text named "Right There".

Spelling: This week's words review short /a/: at, bag, can, ham, sad. The high-frequency words are: put, today, so, went, make. The sentence is: You can tap the cat.

High-Frequency Words: Students will work towards mastery of learning the following words on sight: come, good, on, that.

Grammar: Students will learn about questions and exclamations. A question (?) is a sentence that asks something. An exclamation (!) shows strong feeling or excitement.

Centers: Students have been doing well with learning our center routine. Students engage in literacy centers (independent reading, buddy reading, read to self, poetry, iPads, computers, etc.). All the activities are planned to provide opportunities to practice reading and working with words. Completing work independently is crucial during this routine so the teacher can work with students in small groups.

Handwriting: Students will learn correct formation of the following letters: Pp, Rr, Nn, and Mm.

MATHEMATICS

We will maintain a focus on addition and subtraction strategies and emphasize solving for an unknown ($3+?=5$, $?-2=3$). Students will make double-flap cards to discover the relationships between addition and subtraction, to further explore the commutative property (numbers can be added together in any order), and to learn to solve for an unknown in any position. Students will generate equation fact families and story problems. The idea that *equal* means *same as*, and not the *answer*, is reinforced.

Specials Schedule:

Monday:
Music & Motion

Tuesday:
Guidance and Library

Wednesday:
Art

Thursday:
Music & Motion

Friday:
Music



Some visitors enriched our learning last week! The Lincoln Township Fire Department firefighters visited to discuss fire safety. Ms. Lisa, from Martin's, taught us about apples and apple foods.

