

Funderburk Multi-Age Classroom Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **Community For Coffin Meeting** - Tuesday October 15, 6:30 PM
- **Walk/Bike to School Day - Friday October 18**
- **Fort Western Field Trip** - Monday October 21, all of Multi-age will travel together
- **Election Day** - No School, November 5
- **Veterans Day** - No School, Monday November 11
- **Picture Retake Day** -Tuesday November 12

Last Week, This Week (and Next Week) We're Working on...

- **Reading:** Word Solving Strategies (1st and 2nd grade skills), Paying Attention to Author's Purpose
- **Social Studies/Study Groups –Ox Cart Man Study Groups**
 - This week we visit Ms. Lowe's room - Comparing Ox **Cart Man** products now and long ago, plus a science/Art exploration of potatoes, turnips and apples - three food products from the book
 - Next week's study group will be in Mrs. Stinson's room - Seasons and comparing the seasonal cycle in *Ox Cart Man* to various repeat cycles of our lives - school, special holidays, anything that repeats and restarts year after year
- **Woods Walk/Outdoor Explore**
 - Last week, we gathered nature items to to create a "Leaf Man" based on the book of the same title. We also noticed that the wind can move leaves and seed
 - Next week: Seed collection and comparison - predicting where we might find seeds, making scientific claims on what the seeds might be, drawing seeds like a scientist and comparing other peers' seeds
- **Word Work/Handwriting/Spelling**
 - **Handwriting** – We have finished reviewing capital letters and will move on to formation of lowercase letters - small, tall, and descending letters, practicing sitting them on lines proportionately (weeks long process)
 - **Making Words** - 1st gr. - world families (ig, up, in, eg, ug, plural adding -s), 2nd gr. - (r-controlled vowels - or, diphthongs - ng, inflected endings -ing, contractions)
- **1st Grade Math:** Chapter 3 - Addition to 10 - Making addition sentences, strategies to add, real world stories
- **2nd Grade Math:** Continuing Chapter 2 – + & - to 1,000 - adding and subtracting with and without regrouping

Classroom & School Updates

- This Tuesday, Guidance Counselor, Rachael Bradley will bring in professionals from [SASSMM](#) (Sexual Assault Services of Mid-Coast Maine) to present in an age appropriate way, safe touches, advocacy for body privacy, and opportunities to generate healthy & safe dialogue around this topic. You should have info sent last week. Let me know if you need another.
- **School-wide, Coffin School has begun a 20 minute "Workout Wednesday"** from roughly 9AM-9:20AM. The entire school & staff walks/jogs outdoors on the playground.
- **Multilingual Mainers** lunch visits with our class begin later this week. I'll let you know the languages covered (likely a variety). This will be a one-time visit in a small group with a speaker of another language during lunch. Children bring their lunches to a table in the hall and get some language exposure through the book, *Harold and the Purple Crayon* - More opportunities for language immersion will develop over and through the 2020 school year. Students will visit again with a reader later this year.
- [KinderKonzert field trip](#) Permission forms and money are still being accepted. I think we have had 6 families who have returned permission forms. I'll send another late this week if you're missing your form.
- **Members of the Brunswick Rotary Club** have begun to visit our classroom on Wednesday afternoons during our independent reading time. It's an opportunity readers in our classroom to read 1:1 with an adult. Most of us are enthused at the opportunity to read with another adult.
- [Field Trip to Fort Western in Augusta, ME](#) is already upon us this coming Monday the 21st. Pictures to be shared for those who are unable to attend.. Depending on weather, be sure your child dresses appropriately as there are some unheated areas. *"It looked like the world was covered in a cobbler crust of brown sugar and cinnamon."* –Sarah Addison Allen, author