



Sanderson Academy

Weekly Newsletter

October 3, 2019

From the Principal: We are excited to have the 100 Mile Club starting on Tuesday! Including exercise in a morning routine is a great way to get ready for a day of learning.

Upcoming Events:

All School Meetings are held every Friday at 9:00 in the gymnasium. All are welcome!

Wednesday, October 9: 1:50 Release

Friday, October 11: Mountain Day at DAR

Friday, October 11: Local Goods Orders Due

October 12 and 13: Ashfield Fall Festival

Monday, October 14: No School

Wednesday, October 16: School Committee Meeting at Sanderson at 6:30

Friday, October 18: Third Grade to Mount Greylock

Friday, October 18: Sixth Grade to Rope Course

Monday, October 21: LEC Meeting at 4:30

Wednesday, October 23: 1:50 Release

Friday, October 25: Sugar Rush 5K

Tuesday, October 29: Picture Retakes

Friday, November 1: No School

PTO News: We have one more week to go for our biggest fundraiser of the year - Local Goods! An incentive thermometer has been erected in the lobby to show how many orders have been received. For every twenty orders received, the whole school gets an extra twenty minutes of recess, so please send in those orders as soon as possible. All orders are due back by next Friday, October 11th.

We are also gearing up for our second-biggest fundraiser, the Walking Taco and Lemonade Stand at Ashfield's Fall Festival. We are still in need of volunteers for these stands on some shifts on Sunday, October 13th. If you are available, please click this link to sign up online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aacac23a5f94-sanderson>

Preschool news from Ms. Freeman: This week we created our classroom rules. Preschoolers shared their thoughts and ideas. Many talked about the things we should not do. These thoughts were about safety and

not hurting others. With help and guidance, we continued our discussion and talked about things we can do. We decided our rules should include the following: Be safe, Take Care, Be Kind, and Help Others.

We also released our last Monarch butterfly. We waited for the warmth of the afternoon sun before walking to the school's butterfly garden. We watched as it quickly flew out of its container, landing at the top of a neighboring apple tree. Thank you again to Ethan and his family for bringing in the caterpillars. It has been an amazing learning experience for all of us.

Preschool News from Ms. Melanie: We have begun making our apple dolls from the apples we gathered from the old apple tree on the edge of the woods. We used a hand-cranked apple peeler to carefully peel each apple to make the doll's head. Then we shaped a mouth, added some whole cloves for eyes, and a stick to hold the apple, then dipped it in lemon juice. We will watch our apple dolls change and age over the next few weeks, dipping them in lemon juice from time to time. When they are ready, we will dress them for Halloween. We've already started thinking of some amazing costume ideas!

Kindergarten News from Ms. Sarah: Our big event this week was the field trip! Thank you to our volunteer chaperones for making this trip possible. We had a great time touring the apple packing factory at Clark Orchard. We even got to sample apples! At the town library, Miss Martha gave us a tour and read us a nonfiction and fiction book about libraries. She also gave each child a book to keep!

First Grade News from Ms. Pedersen: First grade has enjoyed an author study reading Eric Carle books. Our favorite this week was, "The Mixed Up Chameleon." We have continued to practice sight words in our reading groups. We are starting to put books in book boxes that are at our "just right level" for reading enjoyment. In math we introduced measuring with popsicle sticks, estimation and a new game called, "Which coin will win" as part of our math work places. We are following the number of school days and we are studying numbers in the twenties.

Second Grade News from Ms. Robertson: Welcome to October and to autumn! October and autumn means that our annual Mountain Day is just around the corner. In preparation for our Mountain Day Hike next Friday at the DAR, we have been working on a mini unit on leaves. We have been reading aloud books and poems that focus on fall and leaves, and these books and poems will serve as an introduction to a writing activity where students will use describing words, action words, places, and times to write expanded sentences about leaves. The month of October has also brought new features to our Number Corner area. Our daily calendar has a focus on leaves, where students are classifying leaves by looking at the way their veins are formed. A palmate leaf looks a bit like a hand, where the leaf has several main veins branching out from the base of the leaf. A pinnate leaf looks a bit like a feather, where the leaf has veins that all branch off of one central vein.

Second Grade News from Ms. Wyckoff: This week we started our ELA centers and began with 2 games each run by a teacher and a third independent area for Silent reading. One of the games called "the popcorn game" was a review of sight words learned last year. The second game is called "The sandwich game" which was a perfect compliment to our foundations review lesson for blends! In math we learned a

new workplace game called “make the sum” where pairs of children picked a target number from 5-15 and worked together to find 2 cards that make that target sum. For example $7+3 = 10$ or $6+9=15$. The title of our first read aloud is called *Gooney Bird Greene* which is about a second grade girl who recently moved to a new school. She has the most interesting stories to share with her class! Second graders are loving this read aloud time during snack and before dismissal. Ask your second grader to give you a retelling of what has happened in the story so far!

Third Grade News from Ms. Fisher: Third grade enjoyed making applesauce with our buddies in PreK this week, and we’d like to send out a great big THANK YOU to Clark Orchard for donating a LARGE box of apples for our autumnal treat. We enjoyed eating warm, chunky applesauce on Tuesday for our snack. In math we have been working on using a variety of approaches for adding two-digit numbers, including problems with multiple addends. It is fun to see how other kids solve problems and discuss why different approaches can arrive at the same answer. Fluency reading groups are also underway this week as we delve into Readers’ Theatre skits to practice being expressive and clear.

Fourth Grade News from Mrs. Rida: This week 4th Grade will be finishing our first read aloud novel, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* featuring Peter Hatcher and his infamous little brother Fudge. What a great book to start off our year! In Science we have experimented with the structure of the human eye and have extended that learning to compare our eyes to those of nocturnal animals. In between recess and lunch our class is enjoying short, informational (often science based) Mystery Doug and Brain Pop Jr. videos.

Fifth Grade News from Ms. Johnson: Fifth grade has been continuing our studies of the water cycle. The students have been making observations of the water cycle we created in a Zip-lock bag that is hanging in our window as well as observing what is happening to the cups of water we have around the room. We have also been watching the Dollar A Day documentary as we think about the availability of usable, fresh water. We are also starting our culminating project for this unit. Students are figuring out plans to filter dirty, mucky water. They’ll test out their filtration systems and make improvements to their plans to try again.

Sixth Grade from Ms. Schreiber: Sixth grade has been busy exploring factors and characteristics of numbers such as Prime, composite, Square, etc. in math. In reading, we are jumping into reading our books and looking at the internal and external portions of the story. We are also looking at the internal and external characteristics of particular characters that we will be following closely in our books. In social studies, we are creating posters defining and giving examples of the five themes of geography. Meanwhile, we are also planning for the Ashfield Fall Festival and our Dime Toss booth. This is a big fundraiser for our trip to the Morse Hill Outdoor Education Center and ropes course this month. Please come and play our game at the fall festival and support our class.

Math News from Mrs. Prew: Have you heard a new-to-you word called "workplaces"? Workplaces are a fun portion of our new math program when students get to work in groups and learn math through playing games! So many classrooms have been learning new workplaces this week and it is truly exciting to see

students play to learn. To name a few workplaces your kiddos have been playing, first grade enjoys "Which Coin Will Win?", second grade loves "Count and Compare Fives", and third grade is rocking "Subtraction Bingo". Ask your kiddo which workplace, so far, is their favorite!

Health Office News from Nurse Loranna: We will be starting fluoride for grades 1-6 soon! Please make sure to send in your child's permission form. School fluoride mouthrinse programs conducted consistently, are known to prevent tooth decay by about 30% (MDPH Office of Oral Health). I will be coming into the classrooms to administer the fluoride (swish and spit), students are not to eat or drink for 30mins after fluoride in order for it to be most effective. I try to use this time in the classrooms to talk about different ways to stay healthy and teach health related topics. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Mindful Movement with Ms. Sue: Over this past month of September we learned a new yoga pose each week, they were: Mountain, Star, Tree and Eagle pose...Last Friday during All School Meeting we did all four of them into a yoga flow, taking some nice breaths during each pose. Some of the breaths may have been hot cocoa breath, favorite color, or flower breath. We also have been discussing a word mantra each week: Motivation, Integrity, Welcoming and Focus. We will continue to build upon this as this school year moves on.

Art News from Mrs. McMillan: Students have been working hard on creating their image for the Original Works fundraiser. More information will be sent out to families soon. This fundraiser celebrates creativity and supports our school. Proceeds made from this fundraiser go to our school PTO. Students in PreK are making a hand tree. K-1 students are creating a spring dandelion scene. 2-4 students are creating a sunset over the ocean scene using a blending technique. Grades 5-6 are creating a nighttime winter birch scene. I am so impressed with how these are coming out! Nice work artists!

Music News from Ms Shippee: All classes in grades 2-6 have now had a demonstration of the instruments in the string family of the orchestra. If a student is interested in learning to play the violin, cello or bass, music lessons are available during the school day to students in grades 2-6. Students would be pulled out of class for 30 minutes and would be responsible for making up the work they missed. Students would also be required to practice at home at least 4 nights per week. Any student interested in taking music lessons on a string instrument can see Ms. Music Shippee for a sign-up sheet.

Library News from Mrs. Shippee:

Hi Sanderson Families! Here is the BookFair Calendar for Your Refrigerators!

This is a very fun social event for Students & Families, so come on in and enjoy the selections! BookFair Flyers will be sent home to you as Our BookFair gets closer! The flyer works as a guide to help students make a Book WishList! Please put your child's wish-list and money (or check) into an envelope marked with their name on the envelope and send the envelope in to Your Child's Classroom Teacher.

There are Three Payment Methods to Choose From:

- **Personal Checks** (should be made out to Sanderson Academy PTO)
- **Of course... Cash**
- **Credit Cards** for when families are shopping together.
- **If your child needs change, we will put their money into the original envelope or into a bank envelope, generously donated by a local bank.**
- *Remember* that a **6.25% Sales Tax** applies, since our fundraiser is *selling* books.
- **Classroom Teachers** often have their **WishLists** at the register for **Parents'** convenience.
- **We'll be closing EARLY** on Tue. November 12th at 3pm. **To Pack Up *until* another Year!**

Would you like to volunteer? We need help with:

- **Set-up** on Tuesday October 29th from 9am till 2:30 pm .
- **BookFair Pack Up Time** on Tuesday November the 12th from 3pm till 5:30.

Thanks So Much, Folks! Sanderson Children *and* Classroom Teachers have been so thankful for your support! You've helped to buy many new and replacement books to keep Our Library in Great Shape!

		2019 Book Fair 		October & November 2019		
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	28 Book Fair <i>Arrives</i>	29 Book Fair <i>Set-Up</i> 9am-2:30pm	30 Book Fair Open 9am- 5pm	31 Book Fair Open 9am- 5pm	1 <i>No School -</i> <i>District Staff P.D.</i>	2
3 Daylight Saving Ends - Fall Back	4 Book Fair Open 9am- 5pm	5 Book Fair Open 9am- 5pm	6 Book Fair Open 9am- 5pm	7 BookFair Open 9am- 5pm <i>ParentTeacher</i> <i>Conferences</i>	8 BookFair Open 9am- 5pm <i>ParentTeacher</i> <i>Conferences</i>	9
10	11 <i>No School-</i> <i>Veterans'</i> <i>Day</i>	12 BookFair Open 9am- 3pm Book Fair <i>Pack-Up</i> 3pm -5:30pm	13 Book	14 Fair Will Be	15 Shipped Out	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30