



Brookside Elementary School Newsletter November 2021

A Note from Mrs. Hatton:

Dear Brookside families,

It's hard to believe we have reached the month of November so soon! This month will close out our first marking period. Report cards will be sent home December 2nd and Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on December 3rd and 10th. Be sure to schedule a conference time with your child's teacher.

PARP- Parents as Reading Partners begins this month. Mrs. Bleber has once again put together a wonderful themed event for this year.

Supporting your child's reading growth at home begins with reading books together. Reading with and to your child is one of the most effective and important ways you can help build your child's reading fluency, reading comprehension, vocabulary and a love of reading. Chapter books that are above your child's reading level can offer rich story development that sparks conversation and interest. There are many books that children of different ages and reading levels can enjoy at the same time. Whether it's fiction or nonfiction, pick a book to read aloud to your children each night. Your children will enjoy listening to you read and your conversations will become great comprehension builders.

Another important thing to do is to establish a reading space and reading routine. Help your child set up a space for reading. They'll need a place to put their favorite books and maybe some writing journals as well. Some kids like to read in bed, others at a desk, others curled up on the sofa. Decide as a family where you want to enjoy books together. Maybe it's curled up together on the sofa or making this a part of your child's bedtime routine.



Reading is much more than spelling and sounding out slight words. Those are important skills, but to become better at those skills learning to love books and to enjoy reading is where it begins. We call this "Building a Reading Life".

Here are some book suggestions to help you get started.

[20 Chapter Books to Read Aloud With Your Kids](#)

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Hatton



Important Dates:

Nov 4 - Picture retakes
Nov 5 - Early Release - Elementary Students
12:30 Dismissal
Nov 11 - No School, Veterans Day
Nov 24-26 - No School Thanksgiving break



Sneak Peek of December:

Dec 3 - Early Dismissal @ Noon for PreK-5th
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Dec 10 - Early Dismissal @ Noon for PreK-5th Parent/Teacher Conferences
Dec 16 - Winter Concert 6:00pm
Dec 23-31 No School Winter Recess

Health Update:

The Broome County Health Department has released a new mechanism for reporting **POSITIVE** COVID-19 test results from at-home tests. If a positive test result is obtained from an at home test, no further testing is required. Results can be reported [via this link](#).

Additionally, other COVID-19 resources including testing and vaccination locations can be found [here](#).



From Mrs. Barry, School Social Worker

Hello Families! Brookside's Character Education Program, C.U.B.S. is in full swing. Our students are enjoying virtual building wide assemblies where they learn about the Word of the Month. November's word of the month is THANKFULNESS.

We have also introduced ShoutOuts! Any student or staff member can give a shout out to anyone else in the Brookside community. Students enjoy hearing Shoutouts read during morning announcements.



Brookside will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive as well as Holiday Gift Drive to help some of our families. Look for the letter home about which item your child's class is collecting. Also, if you are in need of a Thanksgiving basket or Holiday assistance, please call me directly at 775-7521.



Saber Cubs News

**It's all
about
PRE-K**

Pre- K did some Investigating! We have been learning about our five senses and put them to the test during our what's inside a pumpkin investigation. We discovered pulp and seeds inside our pumpkin and described it using our senses. We even got to taste some toasted pumpkin seeds! so much fun and learning!





In kindergarten this month we have been working hard. In math we are practicing fluency from 1-10 and learning what is one more and one less from any given number. In skills we learned the letter sounds m, a, t, d, o, c, g and l. Ask your child to think of objects that begin with these letter sounds at home. Encourage your child to blend their sounds that are on the extra practice take home pages. In science/social studies we have been learning about our Five Senses and fire prevention. Students have been discovering the life cycle and parts of the pumpkin. Throughout the month we have been focusing on exhibiting the meaning of courage.



Math Games with a deck of cards & dice

*Counting on is a strategy that is used in first grade but is also tricky for children. A great way to practice counting on is by using a deck of cards (with the jacks, queens and kings removed) and dice. Have your child flip a card up then roll the die to see how many to count on.

*Make 10 (with jacks, queens and kings removed) flip 4 cards and see if any combinations total 10, if they do put them together and replace the ones that made 10 with cards from the deck and see if there are other 10 combinations.



Greetings 4th grade families!

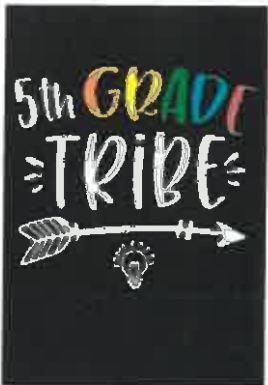
We hope all are well. We have had a great start to the school year and as we head deeper into fall we expect this to continue. As we approach the holiday season, a gentle reminder that any treat sent in from home must be store bought with no home baked goods allowed. This allows us to ensure safety for all students including students with health concerns or allergies. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Remember that Band

and Orchestra is on day 5 for 4th grade and Chorus is on day 1. Band and Orchestra lessons are on days 2 or 3. This is for planning purposes with instruments etc. A quick review of what we have been working on in class:

In Science and Social Studies we have transitioned from NYS geography to Earth Systems in Science. We are investigating different types of rock formations and looking at changes that affect the earth such as floods, erosion and earthquakes. In Math, we just finished with module 1 (multiple digit addition and subtraction with place value) and are moving on to module 3 which is long division and multiplication. In ELA we are working on Narrative writing. Choosing a specific event that is important to the writer and writing a detailed description of that event. Have a great month of November and reach out if you need us.

Your partners in education;

Mr. Bell, Mr. Ruffo and Mrs. Tokos



November is PARP at Brookside! We as a 5th grade team are encouraging students to participate in PARP this year. Historically, 5th grade participation has been low and we want to see that change! To encourage increased participation, we are having a friendly competition between the three homerooms. The homeroom with the highest percentage of participation throughout PARP will receive a prize! Have fun reading Sabers!!!

Your 5th grade team

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Math can be solved in many ways. This chart outlines the strategies that are used in the primary grades and built on in intermediate grades. They help us adapt to harder problems as we become fluent with basic facts and ideas. The more ways we can think about numbers, the better mathematicians we become. The fourth and fifth grade AIS students have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming units of multiplication and division.

Name _____

Ways I Can Solve a Math Problem...

I Can Write a Number Sentence $5 - 1 = 4$	I Can Use a Ten Frame $5 - 1 = 4$	
I Can Use My Fingers $5 - 1 = 4$	I Can Use a Number Line $5 - 1 = 4$	
I Can Draw a Picture $5 - 1 = 4$	I Can Use Mental Math	
I Can Use Cubes $5 - 1 = 4$	I Can Use Objects $5 - 1 = 4$	I Can Cross Out $5 - 1 = 4$

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We have been practicing fluency through a series of card and dice games. The repetition of basic facts during these fast paced games is helping the students prepare for the lessons where they will be expected to use the standard algorithm. Keep up the hard work.

Mrs. Zabadal and Mr. Potter



Reading Intervention NEWS:

Making connections is a critical reading comprehension strategy that helps students make meaning of what they are reading. When students make connections to the texts that they are reading, it helps them to make sense of what they read, retain the information better, and engage more with the text itself.

Reading Interventionist

Mrs. Coe

Mrs. Raymond

Mrs. Cortes

MAKING CONNECTIONS

*Making connections is about finding links between yourself and what you're reading.
The more connections we make, the better we are able to understand and enjoy reading.*



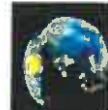
TEXT TO SELF



Connections can be with my own life, people I know, places I'm familiar with, things I like to do, events that have happened to me, feelings I've experienced.



TEXT TO WORLD



Connections can be with world events, items I've seen on the news, things I've read in newspapers, magazines and on the internet, big issues.



TEXT TO TEXT



Connections can be with other books I've read, movies, TV shows I've seen, non fiction, poetry, newspaper and magazine articles.

Parts of the story to connect with:

- the conflicts
- the 'big ideas'
- the characters
- the choices characters make
- the emotions
- the relationships
- the actions of the characters
- the setting
- the time
- the events

Art is for everyone

News from the art room: Kindergarten Frankenbuddies



First Grade Boats in Watercolor



Speech:

Hello Families. It has been a very busy month in and out of the speech therapy room. The students and I have focused on our goals through season based activities, stories and projects. We continue to work on production of speech sounds, understanding spoken information and putting our words together in correct word order and using correct grammar in oral expression to communicate our ideas. Another part of my program is called Social Thinking. I use it with all the children to focus on social language skills (interacting with others, understanding that we have thoughts about others and others have thoughts about us and how body language communicates thoughts and ideas as well.

Some concepts we have focused on are Understanding Hidden Rules of Communication, Understanding expected and unexpected behaviors and being able to make Smart Guesses based on what you know and see. I hope everyone has had a wonderful October and look forward to more fun in speech in November.

**Sincerely,
Kelly Browning, MS CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist**



**NEWS from the PE Department!
Ms. Simpson, Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Cook**

Brookside Pre-K, K, 1st, and 2nd grade PE classes have been participating in a soccer unit. Here are some pics of our dribbling during our soccer unit!





Music Class from Mrs. Dyson 🎵

Pre-K students this past month in music class were busy learning steady beat songs and chants. We began learning a rhyming song, "Teddy Bear Turn Around", and moved to a steady beat with our furry friends. We also learned the fingerplay chant, "Five Little Pumpkins" where students counted along using their fingers. Pre-K students have also been playing instruments to music keeping a steady beat. Some of these instruments they have played are: maracas, woodblocks, rhythm sticks, castanets and drums. They are doing an amazing job with all our music activities!



Important Information from the Brookside Music Department

At Brookside Elementary, the 5th grade Band, 5th grade Orchestra and 4th/5th Grade Chorus have begun preparing for the Winter Concert on **December 15th**. (*This is a different date than the district calendar.) Due to Covid restrictions, the Winter Concert will be a professional recording (with no audience) at the High School. Students will be bussed to the SVHS during the school day on Dec.15th (snow date Dec.16th) to make the recording. After the recording is ready for viewing, it will be made available for all to enjoy. More information will be sent home with your child regarding this special day. **Students will need to wear their concert attire to school that day. Concert attire is all black (black pants, shirt, shoes, socks). Please see your music teachers if you need to borrow concert attire.**

Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Dyson are so proud of the progress from these performance groups. Fourth Grade Beginner Orchestra and Band are scheduled for their concert later in the year so they have more time to learn how to play their instruments. This concert date is on the district calendar. Thank you for your continued support in our music programs at Brookside Elementary.

Mrs. Eileen Miller (Orchestra Director)
Mrs. Kelly Dyson (Chorus Director)
Mr. Rob Johnson (Band Director)



P.A.R.P.

PARP is back! This year our PARP (parents/people as reading partners) program will celebrate books and reading Hollywood style! The theme is Red Carpet Reading. We will kick off the program on November 2. Look for a flyer coming home with information, a calendar, and a contract. Hopefully, all families will join in and read at least five nights a week with our students. At the end of PARP, we will have an awards ceremony recognizing favorite authors, books, and characters that our students have voted for. Some lucky PARP winners will even win some prizes! So get ready to snuggle up with your child and do some Red Carpet Reading



Thank you PTA and 5th Grade Families!

5th Grade students and PTA hosted a Trunk or Treat event which included spooky candy filled trunks, fire trucks, a Broome County Sheriff, can drive, glow stick sales and of course, lots of candy and trick or treaters. It was a great event for all who attended!

Please Note:

***Our 5th Grade Pasta Fest that is scheduled for November 18, is postponed. This event will be rescheduled for a later date. Stay tuned.**

November 2021

Susquehanna Valley Elementary Schools

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menus are subject to change.

AVAILABLE DAILY

Weekly Salads:
 11/2-11/4: Chef Salad
 11/9 & 11/10: Popcorn Chicken Ranch Salad
 11/16-11/18: Turkey Bacon Ranch Salad
 11/30: Chef Salad

*All salads served w/Garlic Crostons
 All options served w/whole fruit and vegetable of the day*

Weekly Sandwiches:
 M/W/F: Turkey/Cheese
 T/Th: Ham/Cheese



Milk Chai:
 Unflavored—1% & Fat Free
 Chocolate— Fat Free

Monday, November 1

Breakfast
 Mini Pancakes
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 100% Fruit Juice
 NY Milk

Lunch
 Chicken Party on a Bun
 Sweet Potato Crinkle Fries
 Mixed Vegetables
 Fresh NY Apple
 NY Milk

Tuesday, November 2

Breakfast
 Cinnamon Bun
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 100% Fruit Juice
 NY Milk

Lunch
 French Toast Sticks
 Sausage Party
 Roasted Seasoned Potatoes
 Fresh Orange
 100% Fruit Juice
 NY Milk

Wednesday, November 3

Breakfast
 Breakfast Pizza
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 100% Fruit Juice
 NY Milk

Lunch
 Marinated Chicken Sandwich w/Letuce & Tomato
 Oven Roasted Potatoes
 Veggie Cruncher Cup
 w/Hummus & Dip
 Fresh Banana
 NY Milk

Thursday, November 4

Breakfast
 French Toast Sticks
 w/Syrup
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 100% Fruit Juice/Milk

Lunch
 NY *Thursday!* Chicken Mac & Cheese
 Garlic Bread Stick
 Steamed NY Broccoli
 NY Apple Slices
 NY Concord Grape
 Apple Juice
 NY Milk

Friday, November 5

Breakfast
 Breakfast Croissant
 Sandwich
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 100% Fruit Juice
 NY Milk

Lunch
 Stuffed Crust Pizza
 Garden Salad
 w/Chickpeas
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 NY Milk

Monday, November 8

Breakfast
 Mini Cinnis
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 100% Fruit Juice
 Low Fat Milk

Lunch
 Popcorn Chicken
 Mashed Potatoes
 Baby Carrots
 w/Hummus & Dip
 Fresh NY Apple
 NY Milk

Tuesday, November 9

Breakfast
 Breakfast Breads
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 100% Fruit Juice
 Low Fat Milk

Lunch
 Tacos on a Shell
 w/Assorted Toppings
 Seasoned Rice
 Corn
 Chilled Peas
 100% Fruit Juice
 NY Milk

Wednesday, November 10

Breakfast
 Bagel Breakfast Pizza
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 100% Fruit Juice
 Low Fat Milk

Lunch
 Cheese Lasagna Roll
 up
 Garlic Bread Stick
 Steamed Broccoli
 Chilled Peaches
 100% Fruit Juice
 NY Milk

Thursday, November 11

Thank You



VETERAN'S DAY
 NOVEMBER 11

Friday, November 12

Breakfast
 Breakfast Sandwich
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 100% Fruit Juice
 Low Fat Milk

Lunch
 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
 Garden Salad
 w/Chickpeas
 Assorted Fresh Fruit
 NY Milk

NOVEMBER'S NY THURSDAY MENU FEATURES NY CHICKEN CASSCUN

Cascun Farm is located in the community of Greene, New York. They work hard to produce high quality products to feed the schools and greater community. Be sure to try it for yourself on November 11th when the students of Thursday!

Native American Heritage Month

November 2021

WARM AND SOAPY.

You wash your hands to get rid of germs - and water alone can't do that. You need soap and warm water to rinse away bacteria. So soap up your hands, pull them out of the water stream and rub them all over for at least ten or fifteen seconds, and then rinse off.



SO BE B. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.
WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!

STALACTITE

Hangs from the Ceiling of a cave - contains the letter "c"

There are caves you can tour in almost every state. You're probably no more than a few hours away from one!

Underground caves contain cool formations called "stalactites" and "stalagmites." They form when water seeps through the ground and drips from the cave ceiling.

Grows from the Ground of a cave - contains the letter "g"

STALAGMITE

Monday, November 15

Breakfast
Mini Pancakes
Assorted Fresh Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
w/Dipping Sauce
Wheat Dinner Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Fresh NY Apple
NY Milk

Tuesday, November 16

Breakfast
Cinnamon Bun
Assorted Fresh Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Lunch
Taco Salad
w/Assorted Toppings
Seasoned Rice
Corn
Chilled Mixed Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Wednesday, November 17

Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza
Assorted Fresh Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Lunch
Pulled Pork Sandwich
Oven Baked Chinkle Fries
Veggie Cruncher Cup
w/Hummus & Dip
Fresh Bananas
NY Milk

Thursday, November 18

Breakfast
French Toast Sticks
w/Syrup
Assorted Fresh Fruit
100% Fruit Juice/Milk

Thanksgiving Meal!
Turkey/Gravy
Wheat Dinner Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Cranberry Sauce
Chilled Peaches
NY Concord Grape
Apple Juice
NY Milk

Friday, November 19

Breakfast
Breakfast Croissant
Sandwich
Assorted Fresh Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Lunch
Pizza Crunchers
Side of Pasta w/Sauce
Garden Salad
w/Chickpeas
Assorted Fresh Fruit
NY Milk

Monday, November 22

Breakfast
Krudel
Assorted Fresh Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
w/Dipping Sauce
Wheat Dinner Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Fresh NY Apple
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Tuesday, November 23

Breakfast
Breakfast Breads
Assorted Fresh Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Lunch
Cheese or Pepperoni
Pizza
Veggie Cruncher Cup
w/Dip
Assorted Fresh Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Monday, November 29

Breakfast
Mini Pancakes
Assorted Fresh Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Lunch
Popcorn Chicken
Bowl
w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn,
Cheese
Baby Carrots
Fresh Banana
NY Milk

Tuesday, November 30

Breakfast
Cinnamon Bun
Assorted Fresh Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Lunch
French Toast Sticks
Sausage Patty
Roasted Seasoned Potatoes
Fresh Orange
100% Fruit Juice
NY Milk

Wednesday, Nov 24

THANKS GIVING!



ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY!
SEE YOU MONDAY!

THANKS GIVING!

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY!

ABOVE and BEYOND



If the state of Alaska were placed inside the continental United States, it would stretch from coast to coast and from Canada to Texas. At their closest point, Alaska and Russia are only 55 miles apart!