



Principal's Corner

It's easy to count your blessings when you are surrounded with happiness and when things are going well. It's not always so easy to be grateful or appreciative when we find ourselves in a pandemic which leads to stressful situations, such as trying to carry on a full time job and/or work with school-age children at home, on top of the multiple other daily tasks and burdens that have been put on your shoulders. At SCS, we completely understand, and our hearts go out to you. We want our students back in the building as much as you want them back here!

Since that is not possible at this moment, please know that we care deeply and want to do all we can to help. Please reach out at any time and communicate what it is we can do to help...or, if you just need someone to talk to or bounce ideas off of, we're here! In the meantime, try to remember that the mind is a powerful tool. Try to remind yourself, even during this difficult time, that you have lots to be grateful for. Write those reasons out so you can see them each day, or speak them aloud to yourself. Try to do this each day and slowly but surely, you may find yourself feeling less stressed and



and more blessed! 😊

Mrs. Mathieu

Calendar of Events

Remote Learning will continue through the month of December. Please check our Facebook page, as well as your email, frequently, for updates!



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Pictures, updates, events, and more!

THERE'S
always
something TO
BE thankful
FOR

~Students of the Month~

Talyn Krajniak, Alex Gilbert,
Leah Berry, Alexis McKay,
Gwen Bolens, Izzy Ricker



News from Pre-K & Kindergarten

Kindergarten and PreK have been learning about how animals survive in winter, whether by migrating to warmer climates, hibernating through the colder months, or staying awake through the winter. In Math, we've been focusing on counting, reading, and writing the numbers 11-20. We have been combining Foundations and Handwriting Without Tears while learning the lowercase letters. So far we have learned t, b, f, m, and n.

Mrs. Hemon



News from 1st Grade

November has been a month of remote challenges, but we have persevered through and are all learning new skills. First graders are starting to get familiar with their new Chromebooks and started to complete a few activities on Google Classroom. Although these may be challenging at first, with practice, they will get easier. I want to give a big shout out to all the parents who are working to make the best of a not ideal situation!

This month we have been learning about who the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag were and why they were important. We have learned many interesting facts. First graders wrote about what they do on Thanksgiving and what they are thankful for. First graders also worked on a family turkey project. Students all received a paper turkey to disguise. The goal is to disguise the turkey so that it makes it safely past Thanksgiving. I can't wait to see how creative students were.

Mrs. Ricker

News from 2nd & 3rd Grade

Hello families! November has been a month filled with changes and adaptations for us all. It means so much to students for parents and teachers to be on the same team, and this month has seen some incredible pulling together through some

tough transitions. It has been a fairly smooth shift to remote instruction, though. Thanks to all parents and caregiving teams for helping make this happen for your child. Well done, all!

In grades 2 and 3 we celebrate Wellness Wednesdays. A major goal of this time is to practice ways to be well in all senses of the word. Fun is a big part of this, and we try to have some time devoted to the arts and physical activity on Wednesdays. We have concluded our fall Author Visit series sponsored by the Children's Literacy Foundation, and will soon be reading our way through the Ladybug Book List in preparation for voting. Students also work on a passion project, learning about a topic and then sharing what they have learned with the class. Topics are wide-ranging, and have included volcanoes, various animals, early American construction, making a book, the solar system, and many more. It is really impressive to watch students embracing the extra freedom of being remote to learn and create about something they are interested in.

The Kiwanis Club has given our students the gift of a brand-new book to keep this month, chosen by your child from a list weeks ago. It was placed into your child's last pick up bag. Enjoy!

Mrs. Hodge



News from 4th & 5th Grade

It certainly has been a unique November. Remote learning has been the name of the game. We are getting the hang of it and making every effort to learn new things, in a new format, and help one another from afar. Students are rising to the occasion, showing up for Zoom classes every

day, working diligently and keeping their minds active. We are reading a book and working on an informational writing piece for ELA. We are multiplying whole numbers and decimals in Math. We are finishing up our study of the Abenaki people of NH in Social Studies and are examining weather and climate in Science. Have a great Thanksgiving break and be ready for more when we return on Monday.

Ms. Wonkka



News from Junior High ELA & SS

I found these interesting Thanksgiving facts to share. Thanksgiving Facts from "House Beautiful" Magazine:

1. Historians have no record of turkey being eaten at the first Thanksgiving.
2. Benjamin Franklin wished the turkey was the national bird.
3. The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade had Central Park Zoo animals.
4. Snoopy has made the most appearances in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
5. The first professional Thanksgiving Day football game was played 1920.

6. Thanksgiving was once celebrated on the third Thursday in November.

7. "Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving Day song.

8. Each year, about 46 million turkeys are cooked.

9. TV dinners are a Thanksgiving-leftover invention.

Have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving Day!



Mrs. Stebbins

News from Junior High Science & Math

What's cooking in Math? Students are working hard on creating their favorite dish. How is this math class? They are calculating calories, cost, doubling recipes, multiplying by 10, and figuring out how long will it take to burn off all those calories.

Students are making cakes (cheesecakes, Oreo, vanilla, velvet, ice cream), dessert bars (apple, chocolate), apple crisp, cookies, pancakes. Some went in a different direction by making a dinner of stir fry or alfredo hamburger pepperoni. We here at SCS have some creative chefs in grades 6-8!

Did you know that Americans eat about 736 million pounds of turkey at Thanksgiving? That is about the weight of the Empire State Building!
What food at Thanksgiving has the most calories?
Answer: Pecan Pie!

Grade 8 is learning about thermal energy in Science. How does heat travel? By conduction, convection or radiation is the answer. What makes a good insulator? What makes a good conductor? Before this lesson, students worked hard at making their own Rube Goldberg project, which involves the use of the 6 simple machines: pulley, lever, wheel and axle, wedge, screw, and inclined plane.

Grades 6/7 students just finished up a unit on vertebrates and invertebrates. What are the classes of vertebrates? What are the classes of invertebrates? Yes, invertebrates don't have a backbone, but there are more details of invertebrates that distinguish them from one another. Why is a spider in the arachnid family and

not insect? Count the legs! Spiders have 8, insects have 6. After Thanksgiving break the students will be learning about symbiosis. Stay tuned for more!

Mr. Kennedy

News from Title I

Great news in the Title I world at SCS—we have had some applicants and soon will have a full-time teacher AND a part-time teacher here to work with our students!! This will help to relieve Mr. Kennedy, who has taken on the task of being the junior high Math & Science teacher, as well as continuing to be the Title I director. Stay tuned for great happenings in the Title I realm of SCS! 😊

News from the Resource Room

During the month of November, we continue being very busy with Zoom meetings during remote learning.

I have been helping my Grade 6-8 students with ELA and Math by joining the classroom teachers' Zoom meetings and having Breakout Rooms with them. These Breakout Rooms provide the opportunity to help my students in smaller groups.

With my Grade 2 and 3 students, I have my own Zoom meetings for ELA and Math, working on their own individualized programs.

All of my students are making progress in this different learning environment. Keep up the good work!

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Miss Miller



News from the Media Center

A little Thanksgiving humor....

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?

Arthur.
Arthur, who?
Arthur any leftovers?

What kind of key can't open any doors?
A tur-key!

What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter?
Quack, quack!

What kind of music did the pilgrims like?
Plymouth Rock!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!

Mrs. Placey

News from the SAP

In grades 4 & 5, we are continuing our work with Life Skills. Lessons are focused on the dangers of smoking, as well as awareness of advertising and how ads can influence what we buy, eat, and do.

During Remote Learning, I am attending Zoom classes with students in grades 1-8. If anyone wants to talk, we can meet in a breakout room. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

Mrs. Crossley

