



SHOEMAKER NEWS

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SHOEMAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPOTLIGHT on the Classroom:

Pre-K Through 2nd Grade Highlights

PreK3- The new to Shoemaker PreK3 is rocking the tracks to learning. We are using our name cards to say hello to one another at circle time. The students are listening and retelling flannel board stories in Math: Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed. We are strengthening our writing muscles with playdough and our please, thank you and excuse me are well used in our dramatic play center. Enter and you will see us in our capes because we are being SUPER FRIENDS!

Ms. Robyn and Ms. Kaleigh

PreK4- Pre-K4 is off to a great start! In September and October, we are learning about our school, family, and friends. The students are exploring shapes, materials, and colors. We are also learning attributes by comparing various objects. During Science, we are exploring and learning to use science materials.

Mrs. Sloan, Ms. Fowler

Kindergarten- In Language Arts, the students will be writing their first name. We will focus on ABC Bootcamp. The students will learn about Cass (Cc), Oswald (Oo), Golly (Gg), Alf (Aa), Doc (Dd), Sal (Ss), and Lily (Ll) during Superkids as well as sight words, and spelling words. During Math, the students will learn to read a calendar. We will focus on data, counting, writing, and identifying numbers to 25, as well as, shapes, and patterns. The students will learn colors, shapes, texture, size, position and the speed of objects in Science. We will also learn about apples, seasons and pumpkins. The students will explore citizenship, community helpers, patriotism, the American Flag, Pledge of Allegiance, Christopher Columbus, Halloween, and Thanksgiving during History.

Mrs. Barnhill, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Seaver

First- First graders are off to great start. During Language Arts, we will read interesting stories, learn and recite nursery rhymes, and review sight words. In Math, the students will work on addition, subtraction, related facts, and number words. The students are learning about the four seasons, weather, water cycle, and animal groups in Science. We will continue to learn about maps during Social Studies.

Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Dougherty, Mrs. Kindle

Second- Second Grade has gotten off to a great start! Students have noticed how the Superkids have grown and changed. They have met their teacher, Ms. Blossom, and they are reading about the Superkids' adventures in second grade. The students are also about to meet a new Superkid! Please keep working on addition and subtraction facts! We practice these all year long! In Science, we are studying animals and habitats. During History, the students will learn about Native Americans. We are excited about all the things we have to learn!

Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Vermillion

Important Dates:

Sept. 1-4 Labor Day -No School
 Sept. 15 Mid-Weeks Reports Sent Home
 Sept. 19 Open House-3:30-5:30
 Oct. 6 Fall Festival 5:00-7:30
 Oct. 16 First Nine Weeks End
 Oct. 18 Good Behavior/Attendance Award
 Oct. 20 Shoemaker Goes Pink
 Oct. 20 Report Cards Sent Home
 Oct. 26 Fall Dance 3:30-5:00
 Oct. 31 Wear Costume to School Day

Library News

2024 Shoemaker yearbooks are now on sale! Bright pink order forms have been sent home. You may return order form to school with \$15.00 deposit or order online with a credit card at www.jostensyearbooks.com. Order a personalized book through September and get 4 icons FREE!

Our fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held October 30 through November 3 in the library. More information will be sent home in October.

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Nurses Corner



We would like to remind everyone to please remember to wash your hands. This is the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. We all know that Covid is ever present, but also Flu season is quickly approaching. So let's wash, wash, wash!

Speech & Language

September: Hello from Speech and Language! This month we would like to take the opportunity to introduce you to our speech therapists that serve Shoemaker Elementary for this school year. Brooke Goldizen is originally from WV but has made TN her home. She received her masters degree in Speech-Language Pathology from West Virginia University. She's been at Shoemaker as a speech therapist since 2021 and loves working with her students! While not at school, Mrs. Brooke enjoys reading a good book and traveling with her husband. Macy Carmack is from East Tennessee. She graduated from East Tennessee State this past May and spent this summer hanging out by the pool with her dogs and getting ready to work with Scott County Schools! Although she doesn't like to see the summer and the warm weather go, she is so excited to be here at Shoemaker working with students! Mrs. Brooke and Ms. Carmack are looking forward to a great year!

SPOTLIGHT on the Classroom (cont.):

Below is a highlight of what's going on in third through sixth grade.

Third - Our third graders are off to a great start for Reading! They have read several exciting stories from our textbook already while working on various reading skills. Soon, we will be starting our first chapter book study. In English class, they have been working on writing complete sentences correctly, identifying the subject and predicate of a sentence, and correcting run-on sentences. The students have been working on various spelling rules, syllables, and putting words in alphabetical order in our spelling class. Each week the students are writing a new paragraph for the "Newspaper in Education" program. We hope to see many published authors this year in the newspaper. In Math, we will be working on place value up to the hundred thousand place, rounding, and comparing numbers as well. We will then be moving to addition and subtraction that will go up to 4-digit numbers. In History, we will be learning about continents and some geographic features. We will also be learning about ancient China. In Science, we will study scientific investigation and living systems. **Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Price**

Fourth In reading, we are reading in our reading book as well as a novel, Stone Fox! We are practicing all of our SOL's already! In class we are working on Unit 1 in English. To begin 4th grade math, we will be covering multiplication facts through 12. We will review/work on these through activities, online games, and group activities. We will also be reviewing place value and beginning computation of whole numbers. In fourth grade science, during the months of September and October, we will be studying weather and oceans! We will investigate how weather conditions and phenomena effect ecosystems and how they can be predicted. We will explore the ocean environment characteristics and the interactions of the organisms in the ocean. In Virginia Studies we will be covering VS2 Virginia's geography and native people.

Mrs. Kegley, Mrs. Lawson, Ms. Rush

Fifth—We will begin our fifth grade year learning about context clues, character traits, story elements, and point of view in our reading classes. These skills will be covered as we read the novel, Shiloh. We will also be expanding our vocabulary with weekly vocabulary and spelling lists. We are looking forward to composing our first essay! Look for our budding authors in the Kingsport Times News each Friday. In grammar, we will be focusing on sentences. In Math, we will start off with our place value unit and rounding decimal numbers. In September, we will begin learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide with whole numbers and decimal numbers! October brings adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers, and soon we will incorporate word problems with fractions. In Science, we are studying basic science skills and continuing on with Ecosystems. During October, students will cover a unit on matter and begin studying plants. Vocabulary will be sent home to study for each unit. In history we will begin with continents and oceans, geographic regions of North America, and bodies of water and landforms. October's history classes will begin with early civilizations and explorers before continuing on to the creation of our United States. We will learn about the Native American Indians along with European explorers and the lands that they explored. **Ms. Arnold,**

Mrs. Duncan, Ms. Garrett, Ms. Kilgore

Sixth In Language Arts we are reviewing Grade 5 Grammar Skills. We are also working on an Independent Reading Project using "I Survived" books. We are also working on story elements and will begin reading the novel Hatchet by Gary Paulson. In math we will be working on ratio and learning how to convert between fractions, decimals, and percents. In history we have been working hard to learn the 50 states to begin this year! We are also learning important US cities and the regions that the states and cities belong to. In September and October we will be studying about the Great Plains and will begin our unit on Reconstruction as well! Please welcome Ms. Cole to Shoemaker! We are so excited to have her join the 6th grade team. In science we will be learning about matter and the properties of water.

Mrs. Clark, Ms. Cole, Mrs. McLain, Mrs. Wood