

November Events

- 12th –**
PTO Meeting @ Je-Neir 6pm
- 13th –**
End of 1st Trimester
- 16th –**
2nd Trimester Begins
School Board Meeting
- 20th –**
Fall Break Begins
NO SCHOOL
- 30th –**
School Resumes

December Events

- 10th –**
PTO Meeting @ Je-Neir 6pm
- 18th –**
Winter Break Begins
- January 5th –**
School Resumes

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Principal's Post



Brrrr. Why is Jack Frost knocking at my door? It seems just like last week we were enjoying the warm sunshine and 90° temperatures. As weather, changes I would like parents and students to start dressing for the cold weather. Remember to wear your coat, hat, gloves/ mittens, scarfs, and mask every day to school.

As we enter into the season of giving, I would like to say thank you to all the families, friends, and community members that supported our students during this year's Charleston Wrap Fundraiser. The money that was raised will be used to provide different educational resources to the students of Je-Neir Elementary School.

With the start of the 2nd trimester beginning soon, we will be starting a Homework Lab. More information will be come home soon so please check your child's book bag.

Please mark your calendar with these important dates:

- November 11th – No School, Veteran's Day
- November 13th – End of the 1st Trimester
- November 16th – Start of the 2nd Trimester
- November 18th – Report Cards Available via Teacher Ease
- November 20th – Fall Break begins at 12:00 pm
- November 30th – Classes resume at 8:00 am
- December 18th – Winter Break begins at 12:00 pm
- January 5th – Classes resume at 8:00 am

If you have any questions about your child's educational progress please contact your child's teacher at 815-472-6646 or email them. Continue to visit the school website at <https://www.mcusd1.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/JeNeir%20Elementary> for the latest information about school happenings

Redskin Cafe

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As the holiday season gets busier and you worry about finding the perfect gift for your child, you may want to consider a special gift that will not only entertain and educate children of all ages, but will also bring your family closer together: the gift of reading.

Reading with your child and encouraging your older children to read are among the most important things you can do as a parent. The gift of reading may start with a simple book or story, but its rewards will be discovered years later when an adult remembers his favorite story as a child and remembers story time as a part of the day that he/she would look forward to. The gift of reading lasts so much longer than the holidays — it truly is the gift of a lifetime and is one of the most special things you can share with your children.



Kindergarten Connection



We continue working on rules and routines in kindergarten as well as digging deep into our academic work.

In Math we are learning about parts and whole groups and will soon be learning addition and subtraction strategies.

We have now learned all the letter sounds in Language Arts including the digraphs ai, ie, oa, oo, oi, ch, sh, qu, ou, oi, ue, as well as the sight words I, am, the, little, to, a have, is, we, my and like. We will soon be learning these additional sight words, he, for, me, with, she, see, look, they, you and of.

Be sure to continue checking "Home Folders" each night for important papers. Papers on the "Left at Home" side should also be taken out each night. Communication is also made through our classroom Dojo app. so please be sure you are checking it often.

Your child should be practicing their flashcards that went home with them a while ago.

Also, please be sure your child has a change of weather appropriate clothing available to them in case they are needed.

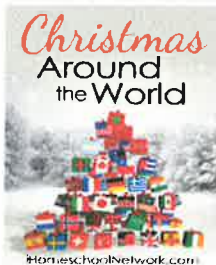
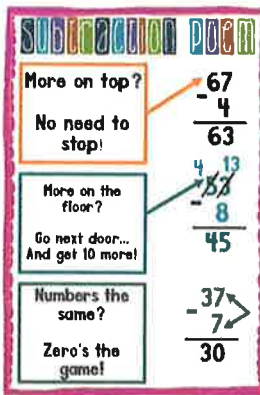


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Can you believe that we are already in November?

This school year is going great and the 1st grade students have been busy learning many new things! We have been working hard on learning new phonics skills each week and have begun taking our weekly spelling tests. This is very important and is helping create a great foundation for reading and writing. We have also begun to take weekly comprehension assessments, which is great practice for

students to remember key information while they are reading. We will continue to work on our reading skills and practice them daily in the classroom. Please remember to read with your child every day! This extra practice at home is very important as we begin reading independently.

In math, we will continue to work on both addition and subtraction, as well as, learning different strategies and tricks to help us master our math facts.

In science and social studies, we will learn about the pumpkin cycle, and complete activities centered around Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Our first grade team is excited to see the students continue to grow and learn throughout the remainder of 2020!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

2nd Grade Write-up

Second grade has been hard at work in October! In math, we've been practicing and are finishing up **addition with regrouping**. For all the old school math parents, that's what we used to call "**carrying over**." When the ones add up to ten or more, you have to carry over to the tens column. The students learned a little song to go with this concept. Ask them to sing it to you! ☺ We are moving into **subtraction with regrouping**. Meaning, "**borrowing from the tens column**". See the image for better understanding. This is the poem we will be using in class to teach the concept.

In social studies, we have just wrapped up learning about the **election process**. The students even voted in a mock presidential election. We learned what the president does and wrote about what the students would do if they were president. Each student made an election poster telling what they would do to make our country better. In November, we also learned more about **Veteran's Day** and each child wrote a letter to an actual veteran. These letters will be mailed to local veterans. In December, we will study **holidays around the world**. Each child will make a suitcase and fill it with facts and crafts from around the world!

In ELA for November, we are studying **r-control words** (ar, or and -ore). We are also studying: **nouns, facts & details and, cause & effect**. In December we will study **contractions with apostrophes** (can't, aren't, I'm, etc.) We will also be studying: **proper nouns and author's purpose**.

Keep reading at home! Studies show that reading 20 minutes per day will expose your child to 1,800,000 words per year. Five minutes per day will expose your child to 282,000 words per year. This will greatly impact their test scores and reading levels.

We can hardly believe that Fall is Already coming to an end!



We have been working on Reading Comprehension, Math facts, Map Skills, Scientific Process, and learning to type to name a few things. If you haven't connected to Dojo, please be sure to do so. That is how we send most of our announcements home. School-wide announcements are also sent through TeacherEase.



Coming Home Soon...

We have introduced a new procedure in class to help parents know what work is homework. Please check your child's take home folder for their Homework Log and homework each night. Since we are at school for half days, students will have some homework each night. Most of the homework we will be sending home will be in paper form, if possible. That will give the kiddos a break from the computer screen.

Google Classroom...

Most days in class we try to accomplish most of the items in Google classroom. Some days students will have things to finish on the computer



How will you know if work is done? Just check the "To-Do" list and click "Missing Work". If a student is completing something at school we are working on learning to remember to turn it in on Google Classroom so it won't get stuck on the to-do list. We are working hard to improve Google classroom every day.

We are thankful for our hard-working students and our helpful families as we continue to learn and grow together.



4th Grade Findings



Multiplying Using Partial Products

$$\begin{array}{r}
 23 \times 32 \\
 \underline{20 + 3} \\
 30 \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 600 & 90 \\ \hline \end{array} \\
 + 2 \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 40 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \\
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 \end{array}$$

4th Grade Reading -

We have finished the book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Throughout the book, we learned things like plot, characters, setting, cause and effect, and simile and metaphor. For the next couple of weeks, we will be working on story elements and figurative language. This will include things like theme, point of view, plot structure, alliteration, personification, hyperboles, and idioms. Also remember, your students have been checking out library books—one book stays at school, and one book goes home. Please have them reading at home!

We will also be starting our next novel: *I Survived the Nazi Invasion of 1944*. In this historical fiction novel, we will discuss main ideas and details, as well as sequencing, and we

will continue with our other story elements as well. We will also talk about the history of World War II, as well as an introduction to the Holocaust.

4th Grade Writing -

We have taken a short break from our Summary and have been working on some Narratives. We did a fun Roll-A-Story for Halloween where we rolled a die and got a character, setting, time of day, and a problem. Our next story is a continuation of a beautiful picture book of a dog that goes on adventures with his umbrella. The 4th graders are making 3 more scenes of where the kitty who grabs the umbrella will travel. They are also learning how to make a Google Presentation as we work

on this project. I am so proud of the amazing work that each of our 4th graders have been completing!

4th Grade Math -

We have been exploring multiplication in the classroom. The students have been using partial products and the standard algorithm (traditional method). The students should be able to explain how to use each of the methods. Next month we will be moving on to exploring 3-4 digit by 2-3 digit multiplication. Keep having your students practice basic multiplication facts at home, it helps them tremendously in the classroom.



Up until Thanksgiving we will be working on using a racket. We will play badminton and pickleball. Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd will work on just swinging and making contact with an object, 3rd and 4th will play games.

After Thanksgiving we will be doing fitness testing. Running, sit-ups, pushups, and pull-ups will be what is tested.

Have a fun, safe holiday season.



Music Notes

TerraCycle Oral Care Recycling

Keep saving your used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and floss containers, and toothbrush and toothpaste packaging (any brand!) Bring them to Je-Neir and we will send them off to be recycled! As a bonus, Je-Neir earns money for each shipment we send! Thank you!!

*Accepted waste: *Any Brand* Toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothpaste cartons, toothbrush outer packaging, and floss containers
Please note: Electric toothbrushes, battery toothbrushes, and/or their parts are not recyclable through the program.*

As the 2nd TRIMESTER BEGINS, 2020

I hope you are encouraging the kids to keep a journal, even if it's just bullet points. Their Grandkids will never believe all this. We hardly can!

The Fine Arts are great tools to help with the stress of these times.

- Have a kitchen dance party, play in the pots and pans orchestra to some of the videos I've sent you.
- Draw your feelings. Have a word wall with images collected from old magazines to create a "How We Feel Today" hallway collage. Take a picture when it's done, and start a new one.
- You can create an IMovie with the collected images called: "This Is How It Is", plus date or "Strange October '20" in pictures, etc. You can even send it to Aunt Betty and Uncle Bob for a Christmas gift.
- Write the titles of songs that express your feelings in the collage. Put them on a homemade CD.
- Dancing and drumming are great stress relievers.
- Read stories to each other and create homemade sound effects.

Seasons like these can give birth to creativity, problem solving, and showing love in new ways. The Fine Arts can really help.

The Social Emotional Spot

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Paige Salomone, MSW, LSW

Hi! My name is Paige Salomone and I am the School Social Worker for Momenca Early Childhood Center and Je-Neir Elementary School. As a School Social Worker, I have the privilege to carry many responsibilities including, but not limited to:



- Consulting with staff to address and improve problematic behaviors in the classroom
- Participating in special education process
- Providing individual and group counseling for students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
- Providing crisis intervention services
- Connecting students and families with community resources
- Collaborating with staff to address the social and emotional needs and learning of students in the classroom

CASEL (<https://casel.org/what-is-sel/>) identifies that social emotional learning is made up of 5 key components:

1. Social Awareness
2. Relationship Skills
3. Self-Awareness
4. Self-Management
5. Responsible Decision-Making



The Social Emotional Spot will be a portion of this newsletter set aside to share information and resources related to the social and emotional well-being of our students and your children. If there are any topics you would like to see discussed in this portion of the newsletter, please contact me at the email address identified below!

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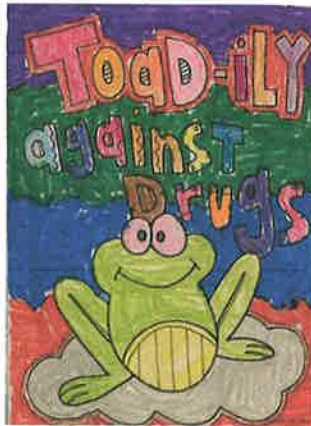
Red Ribbon Week Coloring Contest ⁷

October 23rd-30th marked our annual Red Ribbon Week celebration including dress-up days, a coloring contest, and classroom discussions about healthy habits! We want to take a moment to celebrate our grade-level coloring contest winners as well as our runners up!

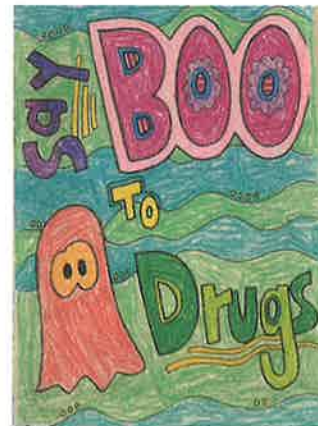
Grade-Level Winners:



Isabelle Torres
Kindergarten, Mr. Baud



Charlee Watters
1st Grade, Mrs. Gabrielson



Chloe Young
2nd Grade, Miss Johnson



Angie Gomez
3rd Grade, Mrs. Swanberg



Liberty Coulter
4th Grade, Ms. Silva

Runners Up:

Aiden Coakley, Kindergarten, Mrs. Smith
Jaxon Willette, Kindergarten, Mrs. Nilsson
Harper Newberry, 1st Grade, Mrs. Meyer
Kimberly Rocha Paramo, 1st Grade, Mrs. Nilsson
Grady Thyfault, 1st Grade, Mrs. DeVries
Ben Meyer, 2nd Grade, Miss Dirkse
Fletcher Accetturo, 2nd Grade, Mrs. Lambert
Barbara Serrano, 3rd Grade, Miss Nelson
Abigail Oiler, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Vogel
Payton Mitchell, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Handley
Abby Gebo, 4th Grade, Mrs. Albright
Tatum Coash, 4th Grade, Mr. Bleye

**Congratulations
to all of our
coloring contest
participants!**

Edward Chipman Public Library

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Ukulele Playalong, Lego Night, and more!



Come jam with us at **Ukulele Play Along!** Every other Saturday at 10:00 AM. Our next dates are: **November 14th & 28th.** This class is **FREE** but you must register by calling or emailing us! This group is open to all ages and levels of experience.

Calling all master builders.... **Monday, Nov. 30th & Dec. 28th** are our next **Take Home Lego Night!** Teams will be given a bin of Legos to take home and build. Then bring your creation back to the library to collect votes! Call or email us for more details and to reserve your team's bin.



Storytime and Singalong is every **Wednesday at 10 AM & 11 AM** in our downstairs event room. We have a fun Sing-A-Long for the first half an hour and then read stories for the last half an hour. All young children are welcome!

Due to COVID restrictions, we must limit the number of people in the building. Call, email, or message us to reserve a spot at our most popular weekly event!



Wednesday, Nov. 18th & Dec. 16th at 6 PM -Children's Craft Club Have a blast drawing, painting, and upcycling everyday items. Each month you make a new work of art!

We are located at:

126 N Locust St.
Momence, IL 60954
(815) 472- 2581



Visit our website at:

www.momencelibrary.org

We are open:

Mon-Wed 9:30- 6pm
Fri 9:30 am- 5 pm
Thurs 1 pm- 8 pm
Sat 9:30 am- 2 pm





PTO News

November 2020

Pre K - 4th Grade

Our next PTO meeting will be on **November, 12 2020 @ 6pm** in the Je-Neir Cafeteria. We welcome all to attend. We will be practicing social distancing and ask for all who attend to wear masks. Please come see what PTO is all about and share your thoughts with us.



Please continue to collect box tops. Download the app and scan your box tops or clip your box tops and send them in.

Did you know you can help support our PTO while you shop?

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Enter your amazon email & password
3. Verify your account
4. Select "Momence Elementary School PTO"
5. Shop like normal & help our PTO earn rewards!



Market Day is now open!! This is another great way to shop for you and your family while helping support PTO. Go to www.marketdaylocal.com and follow their step by step instructions to create an account. Once registered, select "Je-Neir Elementary - Momence -IL" as your organization.



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