Dear Parent:

During the week of November 15-19, we will be celebrating American Education Week. As part of this celebration, parents are invited to visit with our teachers and students in their classrooms.

In order to better accommodate you and to minimize disruptions of the instructional day, we have set aside a different day for each grade level for parent visitation. You will be receiving a note from your child’s teacher with specific information regarding the time that would be most suitable for visits. Our plans for the week will be as follows:

Monday, November 15     4th Grade parents visit
Tuesday, November 16         3rd Grade parents visit
Wednesday, November 17      2nd Grade parents visit
Thursday, November 18       Kindergarten parents visit / Thanksgiving Feast
Friday, November 19           1st Grade parents visit

Please note that on Thursday, November 18th, our kindergarten parents are invited to join their students in the dining room during their lunch period for our Thanksgiving Feast.

Please refrain from bringing younger siblings when visiting with our students in the classroom and dining room. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation, and we look forward to seeing you during American Education Week.

Marlon C. Small
Principal
Kindergarten Highlights

October was a fun-filled, exciting month for our Kindergarteners! We started off the month learning about fire safety.

Then we had our first field trip to White Post Farms. It was amazing to see the kangaroos, the monkeys, and many other interesting animals. We went on a hayride and picked our own pumpkins. We are also beginning to learn how to write numbers and letters and work in cooperative groups at center time.

We ended the month with our Harvest Festival!

The Kindergarten Teachers

First Grade Highlights

The students can't help but notice the colorful leaves all around! The Harvest Festival is a great way to celebrate the seasonal changes.

We are excited about our field trip to the Teddy Roosevelt Sanctuary, scheduled on October 28th. This trip coincides nicely with our science unit on Living Things and Properties.

In Social Studies we continue to focus on family customs and the concepts of "past" and "present." In Math, we continue to focus on the "Big Ideas" such as: representing addition stories, solving addition and subtraction equations, and equation explorations.

The students continue to demonstrate their skills and express their thoughts through Writer's Workshop!

The First Grade Teachers

Musical Notes from Flower Hill

It's already November and our 4th Grade Chorus is busily preparing for our upcoming Winter Concert! This year, the Winter Concert will take place on Tuesday night, February 15th at 7:30 pm. Featured will be not only our 4th grade chorus, but our band and orchestra as well! We are excited to perform a number of two-part choral selections which showcase our developing musical skills.

It promises to be a memorable night of music and holiday magic! Hope to see all of our wonderful Flower Hill families there!

Happy Thanksgiving! Mrs. Cronin
Second Grade Highlights

In October it was great to see so many parents attend "Meet the Teacher Night." It really makes a difference when we work together to help your children.

In math we finished up our first unit on understanding addition and subtraction. We are working on a mini unit on measuring. The students are practicing measuring line segments and shapes with a centimeter ruler.

In social studies we have been learning about where we live and all of the second graders had the opportunity to visit the Conklin House in Huntington Village. The children were able to see what life was like over 250 years ago when Huntington was a rural community. They learned about some of the children’s responsibilities back then and were able to do a few hands-on activities to step back in time.

In science we continue to study the weather and the water cycle. With the variety of weather we have had lately, it has been great to connect what we are learning to real life.

Thank you for all you do to help your children. They are wonderful.

The Second Grade Teachers

Happy Thanksgiving!

Third Grade Highlights

What a great October it’s been! All the third grade classrooms are busy with so many lessons, activities, and learning experiences.

We continued math with a brief geometry unit and will go forward into Unit 3, where children will learn various strategies to problem solve.

In science we worked on different hands on experiments and activities as we continued to study water.

Social studies chapters have been covering communities and various vocabulary citizens use to describe the locations in which they live. Soon our government unit will be covered—think voting and elections!!!

All the teachers would like to thank you for being so supportive of your children’s learning.

Please continue doing all that helps your children become productive learners and good citizens.

The Third Grade Teachers
Fourth Grade Highlights

The month of October was a busy one for the fourth graders at Flower Hill. The students visited the Huntington Heritage Museum at the high school where Mr. Jack Abrams gave the students an overview of the school district’s history. The students enjoyed looking through the many artifacts and pictures from the past.

New York State geography, weather, and climate have been the focus of Social Studies and soon we will be studying about the early New Yorkers. In science, the unit on classification of plants and animals is wrapping up and soon the students will be investigating properties of matter through an ESP kit called Mystery Matter.

The focus in math has been on algebra, multiplication, and division. In English Language Arts, students have finished the first unit in the new series adapted by the district. Stories have included an excerpt from Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo and The Astronaut and the Onion by Ann Cameron. Analyzing story structure, making inferences, summarizing, and comparing and contrasting are some of the reading comprehension skills covered in this unit.

Our month ended with the Fall Festival where we all enjoyed the various activities and marching in the parade.

The Fourth Grade Teachers

Library Literary Corner

Wonderful Thanksgiving Books for the Holidays !!!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Mrs. Smith