

# October Newsletter



What a great start to the school year! We are *SO* thankful to have our students here for in-person learning and we are grateful that our parents are being vigilant on checking symptoms before school, keeping kids home and getting them into the doctor if they are symptomatic. I have enjoyed talking with the students about their summer fun and meeting our kindergarten and new students! I am looking forward to another awesome year!!

Check out our website for current happenings here at Lisbon at [www.lisbon.k12.il.us](http://www.lisbon.k12.il.us) You can find the school calendar of events, lunch menus, COVID updates and more!

Family directories will be coming soon and sent with the youngest child in your family. If you did not receive one, please call the office.

I look forward to seeing you all during Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 20<sup>th</sup> or October 22<sup>nd</sup>!



## Reminders:

If your child is sick, please call the school office prior to 9:00 A.M. the day of the absence so the school can have an accurate record of attendance and lunch count. You may also leave a message if you are calling outside of school hours. If your child is experiencing COVID symptoms they must see their physician and have a note to return to school stating that they have an alternative diagnosis other than COVID along with a listing of specific symptoms, a negative COVID test, or they must quarantine for 10 days. Siblings would also not be allowed to attend school and if asymptomatic must quarantine for 14 days.

If you know your child/children will be missing school due to an appointment, sending a note prior to that day will help in classroom scheduling. Also, please review the parent/student handbook for guidelines for homework makeup.



Blackboard Connect is our automated messaging system to notify families of school events. If you have not received a message via text or phone call yet, please call the school office so we may verify your information. You should be receiving daily messages regarding “self-certification” of your child each morning.

Please be aware that our staff strives to make the school and the school grounds as hazard free as possible. As part of this effort, the local fire and police departments will spend a morning here in late October reviewing the building and safety procedures in case

of a fire or intruder. Students will spend time listening to and asking questions of the firefighters and police about safety issues here at school and also at home. In addition, we will have a fire and intruder drill so students/staff can practice in the event there is an emergency situation at school.

**HALLOWEEN INFORMATION:** We are so excited to still have our Halloween parties; however there are some safety precautions we must abide by. This year we will not be parading around the parking lot prior to our Halloween parties. Also, please note that we



must limit the number of visitors in the building so only those that are assigned to classroom chairman and games person will be allowed at the parties. Parents will not be able to come to school and assist their child with getting their costume/make-up on. Students must come to school with their costume on or should be able to get their costume on in their classroom at their desks. Students will not be able to get ready in the bathrooms this year. Snacks/drinks should be prepackaged and individualized. For games, students should be socially distanced and not sharing equipment/items. We look forward to a FUN time!

3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents have access to Teacher Ease, which is our NEW online portal for parents to view attendance, lunch balances and grades. A “Welcome” email was sent recently to set up your account. If you did not receive this email or have any questions, please call the school office.



### News from the Resource Room

Pumpkins, apple cider, caramel apples... these are what we think of when we are dreaming of fall days to come. It has been a great start to the school year! I am so happy to be working with such wonderful students here at Lisbon. I enjoy seeing all the happy students ready to learn for the day every morning. During the day I am co-teaching math with Mrs. DeGraaf in 5th grade and I push-in to many other classrooms. In my resource classroom my students are growing in many of their skills every day and we keep working hard to reach their goals! All the students amaze me every day and I can't wait to see what the rest of the school year brings!

Ms. Kenney



## News from Coach McKinney

Welcome back!!! Hope everyone had a great summer!! Can't believe it is over and the new school year has begun.

What a way to start a school year! The students are doing great with all the new "rules" put in place. Very thankful that I get to see all of them every day! In PE, the students are currently working on their fitness testing. I love to see the competition even in our testing. Everyone did a great job and worked hard on all the tests! We will soon be in our football and soccer units!!

In health, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade is looking forward to Red Ribbon Week. It will take place the week of Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Be looking for more details.

GO LIONS!!! 🐾🐾

Coach McKinney



## LOOP News

- Our first LOOP meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see many new faces!
- This year we donated \$7500 to the school to help purchase chrome books to continue with our technology improvements.
- Our annual walk -a- thon has been postponed to Spring 2021

## Kindergarten News

The kindergarten class has had a great start to the school year! We have 9 students – 5 girls and 4 boys! We have had fun getting to know each other in the first month of school. They have adjusted well to the routines of each day. Each day is filled with exciting activities and lessons. Be sure to ask your child about his/her day!

We have started Foundations. This program is a multi-sensory method of teaching reading and writing skills. The class is becoming familiar with the letters and the sounds they make. We are learning to write the letters of the alphabet and using proper placement on the lines. The children have been working on their names and have done a wonderful job!

In Math, we have been working on counting, comparing, and recognizing numbers to 10. Next, we will continue on with numbers to 20.

In Reading, we have read some great books: The Little School Bus, We Are So Proud, Plaidypus Lost, Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip, and Smash! Crash! The

students have found that the rhyming and repetition make it easy to read along. For each story, we have vocabulary and sight words that are introduced and practiced in class. Parents, any books that come home with your child should be practiced over and over again! Reading at home with your child will enable him/her to become a more fluent and confident reader!

In the month of October, we will be talking about community helpers. It is always fun to hear what the students have in mind for their careers at this young age!

Our class will participate in Book-It! Book-It runs from October through March. Students will read books at home and keep track of minutes on a calendar. If they meet the expected goals each month, they will receive a certificate to earn a free pizza from Pizza Hut! Any students who meet the requirements for all six months will earn a pizza party in April!



We look forward to our class parties. Our first party is our Halloween party. Thank you to the parents who will be providing food and games for our parties!

I hope your child is enjoying their kindergarten year! Please let me know if you have any questions about what your child is doing in class. I look forward to meeting with all of the parents at Parent/Teacher conferences this month! This is a great time to learn about your child's progress.

Happy Fall!

Mrs. Dike



### Happy October!

In first grade we have been busy getting ourselves organized in our new desks, fitting everything in it and keeping it clean. We have so many books!

Our first few weeks we were learning the routine, schedule and getting to know each other. We have 16 students in first grade. There are 9 boys and 7 girls.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade has Library on Monday mornings. Each child is allowed to check out two books and keep them for the week. The following week they must return their two books to be able to get two new books.

We have already started taking some AR tests. Your child can take those tests during library or computer time. We also use the tablets in our classroom.

Ask your first grader about DOJO points and homework tickets! These are new things for your first grader this year. We will begin Book-It October 1<sup>st</sup>, an informational note will be coming home soon!

Please check out the school calendar for important dates and party times. Schedules of volunteers were sent home in September. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered this year for our classroom parties. I appreciate your time and generosity.

Keep up the hard work first graders! I am excited to have your child in my class. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Jacobson



### Second Grade News



September has flown by. Students are starting to get used to the routine of our second grade classroom. We are ready for some fall weather. It has been a sweaty start of the school year! We have a total of six students in our class-The Super Six!

Please remember that we will be having a reading selection test and a spelling test almost every Friday. In reading we have five stories in a unit. On the sixth week we will have a unit test. On that particular week we will not have a selection test or a spelling test. In reading we are talking about exploring. We have explored space, the country, the city, and the desert without having to leave the classroom!

On Mondays we will go to the library for computers. On Fridays we will visit the library. Please try to send back library books on Fridays. I will try to make sure the students are picking out library books that are within their reading level. While we are in the library on Mondays and Fridays we will be doing the math IXL program, practicing keyboarding skills, and taking A.R. tests. Using the IXL math site is a good way to review the particular math skills that we are working on. I hope that you are encouraging your child to use the site at home. Second grade is such a formative year for developing math skills. Ideally I would like the kids to use the site at home each day. However, I realize that everyone is busy. I would like the students to utilize IXL at home at least a couple of times during the week. If your child does not have access to a computer at home please see if it is possible to use a relative's computer. I get a report at the end of each week indicating the minutes each child spent on the site and the skills utilized. The student who has completed the most problems on IXL each week gets a slip for the character counts program. The kids have so much fun on the site. They don't realize that they are doing math work!



Leveled readers should be coming home most weeks except unit test weeks. Please try to send them back on Fridays. I would like the students to read the leveled readers out loud to a parent or other adult at least two times through during the week. I will try to send the reading books home on Thursdays so students can reread our weekly story to prepare for our selection tests.

Our Halloween party will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Katie Findlay is our party chairman. Rachel Andersen will provide our games. Caitlin Delaney will send paper products, and drinks will be provided by Tammy Akre. Rachel Andersen and I are in charge of food for the party. Our food this year must be prepackaged individual treats. Treat bags will be prepared by Blair Carlson. Thank you in advance to everyone who will be furnishing items for our party!

Please encourage your child to read at home. We will start the Book-It program this month. This information will be coming home soon. I would love to see everyone participate!

Please remember to look over tests, sign, and return them. In addition, while I appreciate parents helping students with their homework, I do ask that parents not write on the homework pages. The writing on the homework pages must totally be the work of the students. My email address is [srehberg@lisbon.k12.il.us](mailto:srehberg@lisbon.k12.il.us), should you need to contact me. Thank you for all that you do!

Mrs. Rehberg



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

We have had a great start to the year. We have been busy learning too. We are finishing our first unit in reading. We read about ways to make and save money. We will be starting our second novel. I am really excited to be reading more chapter books as a class. The Family Times will come home and it has our vocabulary words and skills we are working on that week. Please keep encouraging your student to read 20 minutes a night.

We are working on addition and subtraction in math. Next we will be doing multiplication. Flash cards and IXL are great ways to review math facts. Just a reminder

if your child has homework it will be written in their assignment notebook. Highlighted assignments are homework. We are learning about plants and animals in Science.

Thursday is our library day. Please make sure books are returned on Thursday. Books may be checked out again if the student is still reading it. "Book It" will be starting in October. The requirements for third grade are 6 books a month and 2 must be chapter books. Please have your child read for 20 minutes a night. Students are to read two chapter books and pass the AR tests every quarter.

Our Halloween party will be on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Mrs. Friestad and Mrs. Berg will be attending the party. We are not having a parade this year. Costumes must be able to be worn to school or put on in the classroom. Mrs. Friestad is our chairperson and will be contacting you to remind you what to send that day. Thank you to all parents for helping with our classroom parties.

Thanks to all our parents,  
Mrs. Doorn



### News from Fourth Grade

Welcome to a wonderful, yet interesting, new school year! The fourth graders are working very hard in class. They have done a nice job transitioning to fourth grade and I am proud of them. Please be sure to sign their assignment notebook each night. By signing it, you are stating that they have completed all of their assigned homework. Please check that they are completing the assignments so that they don't lose recess time. We have been doing pretty good with completing our homework, but still continue to follow up with your child to help them learn how to be a successful fourth grader. Also, they should be updating their grade book every night using their assignment notebook. Please encourage them to do this each night so they don't get backed up.

AR is up and running for this year. At the beginning of the year, I sent out a goal that I would like your student to attain for this quarter. We are more than halfway through the quarter so they should be halfway through their goal. Please encourage them to read each and every night. The best way to become a better reader is to read, read, and read some more.

Also, Book-It begins this month. Each fourth grader will need to read three or more chapter books that contain at least 100 pages each. AR books can also count for Book-It. This will help them meet their AR goal and the Book-It goal by reading the same

books. Book-It is a wonderful program that rewards children with free personal pan pizzas when they reach their monthly goal. Yum...books and pizza!

We will continue to work on study skills to help with test taking. A study guide is sent home before Social Studies and Science tests. We go over these in class together. Please spend time working with your fourth grader so they learn the best way to study. Re-reading the chapter, including the captions, is a great help. You can take turns by each reading a page. Be sure you sign the study guide so they can earn two bonus points.

As you know, there are no hard cover math books. Each student has a math folder for them to keep all of their math pages from the chapter. Please continue to keep them in this folder until we are done with the chapter.

They are very useful when it comes to studying and reviewing. Don't forget to practice

multiplication facts. This is a quick activity that can be done while in the car or waiting in line. You can

even make a game out of it. We will begin multiplication in math soon and knowing the basic facts will help make math go more smoothly. We will soon be starting something called Otter Creek which helps them practice their multiplication facts. These are one minute timed tests that will progress them to different levels as they complete the facts. Practice, practice, practice.

## Multiplication Facts Fluency Practice



The Halloween party is soon approaching. It will be on Friday, October 30 from 2:00-3:00. The two parent volunteers that will attend the party are Kristi Mathre (chairperson) and Bambi Miller (games). If you are a helper for this party, you will be contacted by the chairperson as the date approaches. Thank you for your help making this a great party. Please remember that all costumes will need to be worn to school or they must be able to change in the classroom next to their desk. There will not be an option to use the bathroom to get dressed. Any food and goodie bag snacks need to be purchased and individually wrapped. Thank you for adapting to the new guidelines so that we can still have a party.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am here to help your child succeed, so let's work together.

Mrs. Myre ☺





## October Greetings from 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Welcome to fall! I cannot believe that we have been in school 5 weeks! We've been busy down here in our end of the school.

We are just finishing our first Reading unit. We've read stories with the same theme- Challenges. Each character in our stories faces a challenge of his or her own. We will be writing a narrative about facing our own challenge during the first week of October. We cannot wait to share them with you during parent/ teacher conferences!

**\*\*Just a reminder:** your student will need to take 2 AR tests per quarter. These count as test grades. During this first quarter, students will only need to take one AR test.

In Social Studies, we've started our first lengthy chapter about early Americans. During the chapter, students will be responsible for memorizing anywhere from 20-30 vocabulary words. We will then have a vocabulary test on all of them in addition to a chapter test. Each test will be announced at least 5 days in advance.

In English/ Spelling we will continue to build on our skills of learning how to spell and sound out words along with writing good/ better/ best sentences. We will also start a writing journal where we take notes on different types of writing and how to write and choose words.

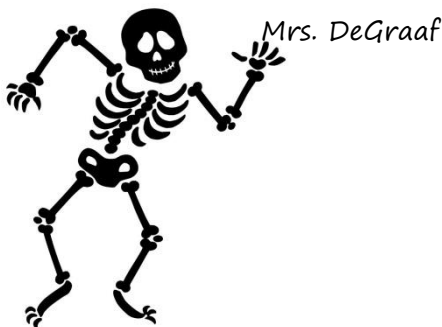
In math, we are learning about multiplication principles. This chapter has important skills that students will need to master for Algebra.

In Science, we will start studying matter/ elements/ compounds/ molecules. We will learn about the Periodic Table of Elements. Exciting, right?? We are also learning how to study with a checklist. Study skills are very important as your student advances to junior high.

We will be kicking off Book-It soon. It begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. You should have received information and will need to register your student online. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, the reading requirement is 300 minutes a month. That's only a few minutes a day!

Thank you to our party volunteers! I've sent home a party organizer. Before every party, I will send home a reminder. Our Halloween party is Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. A note with all the information will be sent home soon. Just a quick reminder- all party food and drinks must come pre-packaged.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!



## News from Mr. Bozie's Room

These first few weeks of school at Lisbon have been incredibly exciting in my classroom. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of my students. I believe we are creating some great learning experiences in the classroom while staying informed, and I am excited for the opportunity for growth in my classroom for the rest of the year.

In 6th grade, our Reading classes have been reading short stories while discussing ideas like plot, conflict, setting, imagery, and many other facets of reading. Next quarter I will be introducing themed journal prompts on both reading subjects and life experiences. Science has been exploring the Earth's structure, and we will be looking to finish up our first book to move on to Earth's Surface. Social Studies has been introduced to the idea of civilizations as well as basic geographical concepts. We will be exploring the geography of the US and Canada and presenting a countries project later in the month.

In 7th Grade Social Studies, students are learning about colonization and its impact on the United States. We will be working with primary sources while discussing issues faced by colonists, Britain, and slaves. Our class will also explore some of the history in the surrounding world during colonization.

In 8th Grade Social Studies, students will be finishing our Civil War Unit and begin to look at life after the Civil War. Students will also cover the Executive Branch of our government and what its purpose is. Election season is nearly upon us, and our class will be running two presidential campaigns. This extensive project will lead to campaign ads, presidential debates, and interesting discussions.

*If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me by email.*





### October News from Miss Zielske's Room

I can't believe how fast this quarter is going. There have been a lot of new procedures to get used to, but junior high has been adapting well. I'm so proud of everyone for enjoying being back at school and staying positive despite all the new rules. It has been so good to see everyone in person again!

In English, we have been reviewing parts of speech and paragraph writing. In addition, the sixth graders have been working hard on their All About Me books. The seventh graders worked on incorporating adverbs in their writing by creating an "adverbot" to help them accomplish certain tasks such as chores, practicing sports, and taking over the world. The eighth graders have learned how to use dashes, parentheses, and the ellipsis to show pauses in their writing. In Reading, both the seventh and eighth graders have finished Unit 1, which focused on plot development and are now on Unit 2, which focuses on point of view and character development.

Students in grades 6-8 work on a spelling unit for two weeks. Spelling assignments are always assigned on Mondays and graded on Wednesdays and Fridays. Students are encouraged to work or study ahead if they know they will be busy with extra-curricular activities. A ten word test is given every Friday. Please make sure your child is studying at home.

The AR program is off to a great start. Quite a few students have earned their first prize. All students must have two books read by October 14<sup>th</sup>. Students may read more than two books to earn extra credit. Your child can also check if a book is an AR book/how many points it is worth at home by going to [arbookfind.com](http://arbookfind.com).

Book orders will continue to come home every month. If you would rather place an order online, go to [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). It is cheaper to buy books through that method and it guarantees free shipping for me. Our classroom code is L7RLL.

Miss Zielske

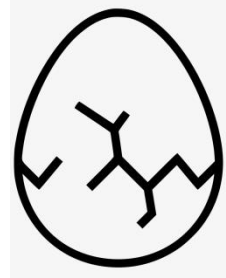
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## News from Mrs. Heap

It has been a fabulous, but very different, start to the school year! In the junior high we have been working hard to get students comfortable with Google Classroom. They have completed assignments, taken tests, turned in papers, and practiced using the Google Classroom Suite of applications. Students are finding that they like to do certain activities online, while preferring to complete other activities in a more traditional form.

Math classes are off to an exciting beginning. Sixth grade is becoming fluent calculating with fractions and decimals and will move onto evaluating algebraic expressions. Seventh grade has started solving multistep equations with rational numbers, and eighth grade is solving linear equations and graphing them.

Science classes are learning about diversity among organisms and sound and light. Seventh grade is half way through our unit titled, "Diversity of Life". We have just finished learning about microscopic organism, such as viruses and bacteria. Not to anyone's surprise, the discussion was much different this year that it has been in the past. Eighth grade is completing a unit on "Sound and Light". They have learned about different types of waves, how they travel, and what can cause them to change. Traditionally, the "Egg Baby" project is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade activity. But with our unusual spring, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class did not get to experience the wonders of parenting an egg. So, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders just finished their first project of the year...Egg Baby. I am pleased to announce that this is the first class that has ever made it through the 3 days without a broken egg. Congratulations 8<sup>th</sup> graders!!



If you have not already done so, please sign up for the Remind app/notification. A letter and class code list went home last week. If you need another copy, please let me know and I will send the information ASAP!

Thank you for such a wonderful start to the year. Every day presents us with a new challenge, be that personal, professional, or academic. You should be very proud of your children for stepping up and keeping a great attitude about all of the adjustments we have to make to meet in person. I am grateful for each day I get to see my students in person. As always, please call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Heap

