



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the Thanksgiving Holidays draw near, we are thankful for our continued support from our school community. Our parents and community members contribute in many ways to the success of our school. Thank you to the parents who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences; these meetings are very informative and beneficial to those who attended. Thanks to the parents who supported our Book Fair. As a result, our library will receive funding to continue to update books and support our literacy program. As always, we appreciate the volunteers who help us in our school; with your help, we were able to get important tasks accomplished. In addition, we are happy to work with Otto Candies as they continue to support our efforts to help us increase student achievement. Thank you to the parents who participated in our Trunk-or-Treat. Our students enjoyed every minute of it! As we work toward our school vision, we thank you for everything you do. This year we can accomplish amazing things as we Grow Great Learners.

Lisa Perrin

Values/Beliefs

At Allemands Elementary School we believe...

- A physically and psychologically safe environment is essential to promote student learning.
- A student's self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships, open and honest communication, and mutual respect among peers, families, community members and school personnel.
- All students and staff meet high expectations for achievement and success by engaging in challenging and relevant work.
- All children can learn at higher levels when supported daily by a variety of instructional **strategies** and resources within their school, families, and community.
- Student achievement and teacher effectiveness increase when teachers and students use a variety of questions and/or prompts to advance high level thinking.
- We are...One School, One Team, Making a Difference!
- Excellence is worth the cost.

Vision

The faculty of Allemands Elementary School embraces the education of all students as top priority by providing a positive foundation for success to prepare students to meet the challenges within the changing society of the 21st century. There is a commitment from stakeholders to help all students to become college and career ready creating life-long learners. Our school provides a safe, stimulating atmosphere that is created through respect for self, others, and our environment. Actively engaged students aspire to reach their full potential, reflecting the high expectations among our faculty, family and community.

November 2017

- 11/3 Saints Shirt
- 11/8 Playgroup 10 am
- 11/10 Early Dismissal
12:35 pm
- 11/15 Playgroup 10 am
- 11/17 Fall Fest 12:30-2:30
- 11/29 Playgroup 10 am
PTA Meeting 5:45 pm
Wetland Watchers @
6:00 pm
- 11/30 Santa Pictures



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Mission

Allemands Elementary School is committed to building the foundation of life-long learning for all students in a safe, respectful environment.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Greetings, Fall Friends! We have begun the introduction of letter sounds and the lowercase formation of each. We are practicing decoding words with these sounds. At home, please practice identifying the sound of each letter introduced. Continue to practice identifying the difference between a letter and a word. We have also discussed how each word must contain a vowel. The vowels a, e, i, and o have been introduced. With the introduction of the vowels we have a better understanding of how words work. In writing, we have begun telling our own stories. We call these personal narratives. Students are excited to tell their stories through writings. It is important that your child understand that everything they want to share can be composed as a personal narrative. We have also identified and discussed story elements e.g. character(s), setting, problem, and solution. The parts of the story help us gain a better understanding of the story which makes it easier to retell. In math, we can identify and write numbers to 10. Your child should also be able to count to 25. We have begun our study of shapes, both 2 and 3 dimensional. Science is an exciting time. We are becoming scientists through the exploration of our world and how different events affect our daily lives.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Our first graders have been very busy! We now know how to find the character and setting while we are reading and we should be able to describe the traits and feelings of the characters we are reading about. We have now moved on to learning how to ask and answer questions about fiction books. We are still using our learning to read strategies. When your first grader is practicing at home and gets stuck on a word, ask him/her to try a word that would look right, sound right, and make sense within the story.

In language, we are working on what quality writing looks like, as well as how to use periods and exclamation marks correctly in a sentence. Tricky words and spelling words will now need to be read, and spelled correctly. During the 2nd nine weeks we are trying to improve our handwriting. While doing homework, remind your first grader about quality handwriting to help us in this area.

In math, we will begin solving word problems within 20. Continue practicing facts to ten at home, as your child should be fluent in this area.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Second grade teachers would like to thank parents and guardians for attending parent conferences. We are so thankful for the opportunity to teach and learn with our second graders and their families. Your support is essential to your child's success. In welcoming this fall season of giving thanks, it's a great time to read a good fall or Thanksgiving book! Check out a second grade favorite like: Turkey Trouble by Wendi Salvano, The Ugly Pumpkin by Dave Horowitz, From Seed to Pumpkin by Wendy Pfeffer, or Counting Fall by Lizann Flatt. After reading, have your child retell what they read in sequential order, and then tell the main idea or the central message.

In Writer's Workshop, students are writing fiction stories. We can't wait to see imaginations soar with the use of descriptive details in these writings. In math, students will continue to gain an understanding of place value and then use place value to add and subtract two-digit numbers. Students are applying addition and subtraction strategies to solve the basic facts to 20. Knowing or memorizing basic addition and subtraction facts to 20 is expected and will support students with solving 2-digit math problems. Please have your child practice with flash cards nightly. We're most grateful for your continued interests and support in your child's education. In science, we are exploring rapid and slow changes to the Louisiana coastline. Students are enjoying inquiring in science. Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

PREK NEWS

We're so excited for all the special holidays we've been learning about in Pre-K. We had a wonderful time celebrating the first fall holiday, Halloween, by participating in Trunk or Treat! Now we're learning about the life-cycle of plants and even planting our own pumpkins. Fall is an exciting time in Pre-K!

FRENCH NEWS

Bonjour! Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving, or "Bonne Action de Grace!" All grade levels will be busy learning Fall and Thanksgiving themed vocabulary words, as well as learning some Thanksgiving finger rhymes and songs in French. Thanksgiving is an American holiday and not celebrated in France. However, there are many Americans who live in France who still celebrate the holiday by having a pot luck meal where everyone brings a Thanksgiving related dish.



Follow us on Twitter! Allemands Elementary is proud to share the wonderful things happening in our building now on Twitter. Please remember that Twitter is another way to showcase the amazing things happening at our school. If you need assistance or have a question, we are asking you to continue to email or call school in order for us to assist you.

Fire Truck Visit



SAY "BOO" TO THE FLU THIS SEASON!

Scare those germs away and get your Flu vaccine today!!
Every year the flu virus strand changes so that's why getting vaccinated yearly is important.
Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others.
After getting a flu vaccine, it can take up to two weeks for the antibodies to develop which helps fight off the flu virus.
Flu season begins as early as October and last as late as May so don't wait too late to vaccinate.



Healthfully yours,
School Nurse

Counselor's Corner

Here is a simple poem you may want to share with your child to help him/her **make** and **keep** friends:

Remember...

Kind and friendly does the trick,
If with your friends you want to stick.
If with your friends you want to play,
Treat them kindly every day!



Ask Finley

Finley would like to hear from parents that might have suggestions for school improvement. Each month we will feature this section. Finley is interested in hearing your input. Please write suggestions, positive comments or concerns and return it with your child. Finley (via the Parent Involvement Committee) will print a follow up letter in our next monthly issue.

Questions or Suggestions for School Improvement:

Your name (optional) _____

News from Reading Recovery and Literacy

First grade Reading Recovery students and literacy groups in kindergarten, first grade and second grade are working daily to apply their reading strategies and writing skills. We would like to say a most sincere THANK YOU to our Allemands' families that are helping with reading and writing at home. If you have any questions about helping your Allemands' reader at home with reading and/or writing, please do not hesitate to contact the Reading Recovery teachers for some new ideas or advice.

We have so much to be thankful for as the holiday breaks are fast approaching. Please remember that reading and writing each and every day is so important in helping the students continue on the path of steady progress. Reading Recovery and literacy students will be given extra books to take home over these breaks. Please see that a minute or two of their "down time" is spent practicing these short, familiar books. They may also want to list things that they are thankful for or help writing grocery lists for Thanksgiving shopping. We always tell our students, "You practiced every single day when you were learning to walk and now you can run, jump, skip and hop! It's the same thing with reading and writing. Practicing every single day will turn you into a super reader and writer!"



Allemands Elementary Family Center

Home & School: Together We Can Make a Difference



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Homework Tips for Parents

Study the same things in different ways and places

Help your child learn about new words or content in a variety of ways. Talk about new vocabulary words several times over the course of the week, in different settings. This will help enrich your child's understanding of the word.

Mix up the study time

If your child prefers to do a little math, a little reading, a little word study and then back to math, that's okay! Mixing up the practice time may leave a greater impression on your learner.

Space out the learning

If your child has a big test coming up next week, help her study a little bit each day rather than cramming it in the night before. An hour or so every other day, spacing out the learning, is a better way to really learn the material.

Help your child get organized

Help your child pick out a special homework notebook or folder, and make sure your child has homework supplies, such as: pencils or pens, writing paper, internet, and a dictionary.

Show your child that you think homework is important

Ask your child about her homework each day, and check to see that it is completed. Tell your child that you are proud of the work she is doing.

Help your child without doing the homework

Answer questions if you can, but remember that homework is supposed to help children learn. Doing your child's homework does not help in the long run.

Talk with your child's teacher

Find out what the teacher's homework rules are. If your child has a problem completing or understanding homework, call or e-mail the teacher to talk about the issue.

Please visit the Family Center Webpage for more parent tips.

Consejos para los padres sobre las tareas

Estudie las mismas cosas de maneras y en lugares diferentes

Ayude a su hijo a aprender nuevas palabras o contenidos de manera diferente. Háblele acerca de nuevos vocablos varias veces en el transcurso de la semana, y en diferentes contextos. Esto ayudará a enriquecer la comprensión que su hijo tenga de la palabra.

Mezcle el tiempo de estudio

Si su hijo prefiere hacer un poco de matemáticas, un poco de lectura, un poco de vocabulario y, luego, regresar a las matemáticas, ¡está bien! Mezclar el tiempo de práctica puede dejar impresa una huella más grande en su alumno.

Espacie el aprendizaje

Si su hijo tiene una prueba importante programada para la siguiente semana, ayúdelo a estudiar un poco cada día, en vez de tratar de asimilar todo la noche anterior. Dedicar una hora o algo así un día sí y otro no, espaciando el aprendizaje, es una mejor manera de aprender el material.

Ayude a su hijo a organizarse

Ayude a su hijo a elegir un bloc de notas de deberes especiales o una carpeta, y cerciórese de que dispone de los útiles para hacer los deberes, como: lápices, bolígrafos, papel para escribir, un diccionario o el internet.

Demuéstrele a su hijo que usted piensa que la tarea es importante

Pídale a su hijo que le diga qué tarea tiene cada día y compruebe que la ha completado. Dígale a su hijo o hija que se siente muy orgulloso del trabajo que está haciendo.

Ayude a su hijo, pero sin hacerle la tarea

Responder a las preguntas del niño, si puede, pero recuerde que se supone que la tarea es para ayudar a que los niños aprendan y que hacerle los deberes al niño a largo plazo no le ayudará.

Para más información visite la página en el internet del centro familiar.

Trunk Or Treat





November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 SAINTS SHIRT	4
5	6	7	8 PLAYGROUP 10:00 am	9	10 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:35 pm	11
12	13	14	15 PLAYGROUP 10:00 am	16	17 FALL FEST 12:30-2:30 pm	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 PLAYGROUP 10:00 am PTA MEETING 5:45 pm WETLAND WATCHERS 6:00 pm	30 SANTA PICTURES		