



The Sherman Star

September/October 2012



Principal's Corner

I am thrilled to be here at Sherman. Everyone has been welcoming and helpful as I make my transition. We are off to a great start this year! I am impressed with how our students show respect for self, others and school each and every day. Our First Day Celebration and Parents' Night were well attended. Thank you for showing your support for your child's education! This is a team effort!

There are many things happening at Sherman! Our full-day Kindergarten has had a successful beginning and students are experiencing exciting things with the new smart boards. Our first grades will have smart boards installed as well. This is an excellent educational tool that will enhance student learning. On September 27th we hosted Dr. Elizabeth Williamson from the US Department of Education and she was very impressed by our school.

We are collaborating with UCONN through a CT Fitness In Motion Grant. Our 3rd and 4th graders will be participating in an after school program geared toward fitness, nutrition and community gardening. The kick-off will be on October 26th.

I look forward to learning more about our school, students and families. Again, I invite you to stop by and introduce yourself. Working together we can ensure your child's educational success!

Upcoming Events



- ❖ October 12th-One School One Book program began
- ❖ October 23-31-Red Ribbon Week
- ❖ November 1st-TPT Meeting 6:30pm
- ❖ November 2nd-Spirit Friday: Crazy Hair Day
- ❖ November 9th-TPT Fall Festival



Second graders participated in their own Constitutional Convention on September 17th, to celebrate Constitution Day. Each classroom represented a different state that was present at the Convention in 1787. The classes paraded around the school on their way to Independence Hall (aka: the gym). There, they created a Second grade Constitution which was signed by the delegates from each classroom.

Kindergarten- Students are working with numbers 0-5, and focusing on recognizing letters, their sounds, and listening for rhyme. They are practicing how to form letters and how to write letters to match the sounds in words. Sight words (a, my, I, like, yes, no, the) have been introduced. Our Kindergarten Homework Meeting in October will be scheduled shortly and a notice will be coming home.

First Grade- First Graders are learning about using their schema when listening to or reading a story. We are working on our first 60 sight words. In Math we are graphing and identifying patterns. In Writing we are focusing on writing complete sentences with correct punctuation and capitalization.

Second Grade- In second grade, we have been learning about Reader's and Writer's workshop and how to read in our book nooks. We are practicing our editing in writing and will begin writing descriptive paragraphs. We learned about the Constitution in Social Studies. In math, we have been practicing addition and subtraction strategies.

Third Grade- During the month of September, students have learned the rules and expectations in each class. Reading and Writing Workshop were introduced and guided reading groups have begun. In math, we reviewed numbers and analyzed tables and graphs. Please make sure your child reads and practices spelling words every evening.

Fourth Grade- Fourth graders are immersed in their author study-Roald Dahl! We are reading the book *The Witches*. In math, we are working on adding and subtracting 3-4 digit numbers and problem solving. Our Social Studies unit is on the state of Connecticut. We are preparing for learning by practicing our map skills: reading keys and a compass rose as well as using scales to measure distances.

Fifth Grade- Grade Five has started the DARE Program. We have been learning to make appropriate, respectful decisions in all situations. Officer Ganter and Officer Phillips have been working with us. We are looking forward to learning about the effects drugs and alcohol have, and how violence could change our lives. We will make choices to avoid drugs and violence!

Read *The Sherman Star* and answer these questions. Return this part to your teacher for a chance to win a prize.

- 1) On October 26th, there will be a kick-off to what special program?
- 2) Which grade is immersed in an author study?
Who is the author? Unscramble the letters to find part of your answer. **dolar lahd**
- 3) Officer Ganter and Officer Phillips have been working with a special group of students at Roger Sherman. Why are they working with these students?

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____