



The Sherman Star

September/October 2013



Upcoming Events

- ❖ October 25th-Monster Mash
- ❖ November 13th-Zumba 6-7pm
- ❖ November 13th-TPT meeting
- ❖ December 2nd-6th-Conferences
- ❖ December 2nd-4th-Book Fair
- ❖ December 4th-Multicultural Dinner

Principal's Corner

Greetings! We are well into our new school year and look forward to an exciting year! This year we welcome the Early Intervention Program (EIP) to Roger Sherman. In the past, EIP has been housed in two different schools. They are now a member of the Roger Sherman family. The Family Resource Center (FRC) has expanded its services and now offers Kids Corner which is a program for 4-year olds. They meet Monday-Thursday mornings. As you are already aware, we are implementing a School Governance Council (SGC). Nominations has been made and ballots are being mailed home for parents to vote for fellow parents. Look for that letter in your mailbox.

On October 8th we had a very successful family event. This was our pumpkin decorating night and we had over 200 people in attendance. Thank you to all who came out in support of this event. Be sure to check your child's book bag as notices for future events will be out soon.

Daily attendance is critical for academic success. You may have noticed our Attendance Board outside the office. Thank you to our new art teacher, Jocelyn Cordero, for putting the board together. Students are "scooping their way to excellent attendance". Each month, a class attendance average is calculated. If a class has at least 95% attendance for the month, they earn an ice cream scoop. Along with that scoop comes extra recess time. At the end of the year the class with the most scoops will earn an ice cream sundae party. You can help by making sure your child attends school daily and arrives on time. Doors open at 8:45 at which time students go directly to class for breakfast. School begins at 8:55 and students arriving after that time are considered tardy.

We look forward to a fun and successful school year. We welcome your ideas so please attend our monthly TPT meetings to have your voice heard. Thank you for all you do to help your child be successful and make our school a great place to learn and grow.

Regards,
Dr. Torres

Kindergarten- Kindergarteners are establishing routines and creating a learning environment based on respect for self, others, and our school. In math, students are working with numbers 0-10. They are also focusing on recognizing letters, the sounds that letters make, and listening for rhyme. Students are practicing how to form letters correctly and are beginning to write letters to match the sounds they hear in words. Students are learning about community helpers in Social Studies. Our Kindergarten Homework Meeting is scheduled for October 16. Homework packets will be coming home soon. The children will be going on their first field trip to Norton Brothers Orchard on October 23. Please send your child prepared and on time on that date.

First Grade- Students in first grade have transitioned well from kindergarten. They are earning lots of PBS tickets by demonstrating respect for themselves, others, and school. Students are focusing on improving their sight word recall. We are working on memorizing all the kindergarten sight words and also the first grade October sight words. Sight word lists will be sent home in your child's homework folder soon. In Math we have been focusing on addition and subtraction skills. Students are expected to add and subtract numbers up to 20. Our Social Studies/History focus is on Christopher Columbus.

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 learned about the Constitution in Social Studies and had our own Constitutional Convention. This month in science, we are learning about matter and its properties. Students learned many math strategies this month and were able to practice working cooperatively and practiced using math tools to help solve problems.

Third Grade- What a great beginning to third grade! In Math students reviewed addition, subtraction and skip counting and are now learning about place value. Students also learned the routines for reading and writing workshop. All students are showing respect for self, others and school and earning lots of yellow tickets. Remember to complete homework and reading assignments given Monday through Thursday!

Fourth Grade- The fourth grade team has been studying water and the water cycle and will be taking a field trip to explore Meriden titled "How Water Shapes Meriden." The students will be visiting several spots in Meriden to take water, soil, and air data. During the month of October, our math curriculum will cover rounding and estimation strategies, money, and tables and graphs; in addition, students have been learning different reading strategies to assist them in their own independent reading, as well as review monitoring, connecting, and creating sensory images while they read. For writing, students will be studying characteristics of good writing and the writing process while writing Narrative pieces.
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Fifth Grade- The grade 5 classes of Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Owen, and Mrs. Tellez started off the year with an exciting field trip to the Connecticut Audubon Society in Glastonbury. The students had the opportunity to spend a full day out in nature. They studied the environment, focusing on the soil. They were able to complete experiments with the soil utilizing different kinds of technology. They studied the color, texture, temperature, and density of the soil. They identified animal and plant life that they saw. They learned about treating the environment respectfully and recycling and reusing materials. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved, including the teachers and chaperones!

EIP-Meriden's Preschool Special Education Program is excited to be housed at Roger Sherman School. Thank you for making us all feel welcome.

FRC-Family Resource Center-Exciting programs offered by the FRC include: Kids Corner, which is tuition based, and takes place Monday-Friday from 9:30am-11:30am. This program is for 3 and 4 year olds. Playgroups are free for children birth -4. These playgroups utilize developmentally appropriate activities and take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please call the FRC for more information at 203-630-4424. We look forward to working with your family!