

EYES ON EASTLAKE

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Principal's Message

Hello Eastlake Community!!

We are now in the home stretch portion of our school year. I would like to begin this message with a huge Thank You to **YOU**, our community. You have been understanding and supportive to our staff and students throughout the school year adjusting to changes and alterations to the running of the school. It did not go unnoticed. Thank you so much!!

There were plenty of smiles on the faces of the Eastlake students at the school dance last week. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for helping us resume our social events. I am excited to see more events where our students are having fun!! Thank you so much for the support you have shown Eastlake throughout this school year.

The remainder of our year is packed with numerous activities and celebrations. We have scheduled concerts, trips, field days, parties, and ceremonies that will ensure these last few weeks are a true celebration of the wonderful accomplishments our students have achieved this year. You just need to reference the "Dates To Remember" on this page to know when these activities will be!

I look forward to seeing many of you at these activities and would like to thank you in advance for your help and support. The success that we have at Eastlake can not be achieved without the help and support of the entire community which includes students, staff, parents, administration. Thank you all for ensuring Eastlake is able achieve its maximum potential.

Respectfully,

Sebastian Powell
Principal
Eastlake Elementary School

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5/23 – 5th Grade Brooklawn Bridge**
- 5/24 – Rain Date Brooklawn Bridge**
- 5/25 – Spirit Day – Bright Colors & Sunglasses**
- 5/27 – School Closed**
- 5/30 – School Closed**
- 5/31 – PTA Mtg**
- 6/1 – Spring Concert**
- 6/3 – Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day**
- 6/6 – PTA Pizza & Kona Ice for all**
- 6/7 – School Closed for Students**
- 6/13 – 5th Grade Camping Trip**
- Pre-K 4 End of Year Picnic**
- 6/17 – 5th Grade Moving Up – 9:30 am**
- Kindergarten Moving Up – 1:30 pm**
- 6/20 – Pre-K 3 End of Year Picnic**
- Rain Date 5th Grade Moving Up**
- 6/21 – 1:00 Dismissal K – 5**
- End of Year Parties**
- 6/22 – 1:00 Dismissal K – 5**
- 6/23 – 1:00 Dismissal K – 5**
- Last Day of School**

Eastlake All-Stars

This year in PE, we practiced many different skill sets that have kept us actively engaged and motivated. Our theme for this year was implementing sportsmanship, teamwork and setting goals.

We also completed our annual Kids Heart Challenge in which we donated **\$3,632.39** to the American Heart Association while we basically jumped until we dropped!

I am extremely proud of all my Eastlake All Stars and how much we have accomplished. It was an absolute pleasure to be your PE teacher and I hope you all have a fun-filled summer!

Peace & love,
Mrs. Flynn

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Looking Ahead

Pre-School: Preschool has been enjoying learning about all things spring! We learned about and looked for signs of spring as the seasons changed. We also learned about Earth Day, ways to take care of our planet, and recycling. We just completed our unit on plants and are beginning to learn about bugs and insects. We are enjoying the warmer weather and are looking forward to being outside more!

The Preschool Team

Pre-K Half Day Schedule

Mrs. Pepe & Mrs. Torres:
9:00am-1:00pm

**Ms. Bruss, Ms. Fairweather and
Ms. Munro:**
AM – 9:00am-11:00am
PM – 11:00am-1:00pm

Kindergarten: As we wind up the year in Kindergarten, we are working super hard on our reading and writing skills. We are very busy now writing true life stories. Keep an eye out for our stories to come home as we finish them. In Math, we are finishing our unit on shapes and will begin to work on measurement. We are still learning about animals and their life cycles as well in Science. We are also hard at work learning many special songs and surprises for our Moving Up Celebration. Looking forward to our celebration!



First Grade: As we write this article, we only have 25 days of school left. It's been a fantastic year. Students made many new friends and have become important citizens of the Eastlake community. Our classrooms have become families and we've made many wonderful memories.

In reader's workshop students have been learning all about story elements and on the skills that are foundational to literal and inferential comprehension. Students have studied characters, problem and solution, along with the main events that happen in the beginning, middle, and end of the story. This is the time when we put all of our skills together in order to read longer and more challenging books!

In writer's workshop students are beginning to write their very own realistic fiction books! Students have created characters and are developing stories in order to create their very own series. Students will give their characters adventures in more than one book and will eventually create a "boxed set!" You will be able to read their final books once we are finished!

Our mathematicians have been learning how to tell time to the hour and half hour. We are currently learning to analyze and represent data using picture graphs, bar graphs, and tally charts. This is a fun unit and students love surveying their peers and creating their own graphs to represent data.

Students are enjoying our plants and animals module in science. We have been investigating the basic needs of plants and animals along with the structures and behaviors that help them grow and survive in their habitats.

Finally, we want to thank you for your support this school year. Wishing you all a relaxing summer vacation!

Best,
Mrs. Breiten & Ms. Hebbelinc

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Second Grade: Second grade is growing and changing, just like our science unit! Readers have been resilient, building their stamina with bigger books. Students are reading chapter books and practicing keeping track of the characters, major events, and problems and solutions. In Writing Workshop, students have been learning different types of poems and poet's techniques. Writer's proudly publish and share to celebrate all their poems!

In Math Workshop, we have been learning about data, surveys, and graphing. Students craft their own survey question, survey the class, and graph their own data. We will wrap up the year with geometry and measurement.

In Science we learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. Students make connections to other insects and animals that go through a life cycle and the metamorphosis process. We are observing our real-life caterpillars as they go through the life cycle and become butterflies.

Have a safe and wonderful Memorial Day Weekend!
Thank you,

The Second Grade Team



Third Grade: April showers bring May flowers! Third graders are enjoying this beautiful spring weather! We can hardly believe we are coming close to the end of the school year! There are still lots of fun things for students to learn before becoming fourth graders! We are wrapping up our unit on character studies in Reading Workshop, and we have begun talking about fairy tale adaptations in Writing Workshop. In class we read the story, *Prince Cinders* which is an adaptation of the classic fairy tale, Cinderella. We discovered changes that were made to the characters and events in the story, but we also talked about why the author, Babette Cole, decided to make those changes. Students are now starting to adapt their own fairy tale.

Students did very well learning area and perimeter in math. We are going to continue working on telling time and measurement. We have started our new unit on community government in Social Studies. Students have been sharing ways that they are good citizens in Parsippany and Eastlake. Lastly, in Science we continue to learn about the life cycle of living things.

There are some fun activities coming up, including Field Day on May 19th and our end of the year class party on June 21st. Third grade also won a pizza party for winning Penny Wars. Please be on the lookout in the future for a message from your child's teacher when this celebration will take place.



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Fourth Grade: The fourth grade teachers and students are springing through May! It was great to show off all of our hard work from the year on the NJSLA test, and we're happy to put it behind us! We have a few weeks left of school, and we're excited to make the most of it. In reading, we are enjoying the book, "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry. It's a wonderful Newbery Medal Winner set in Denmark during World War II. Two families find themselves in a complicated situation as the presence of Nazi soldiers increases. It's heartwarming to hear the students' predictions and reactions as we follow the journey of two best friends and their heroism!

In math, we are learning Geometry: lines, rays, angles, triangles, quadrilaterals, and symmetry! There will be some fun little projects to help us practice these skills.

Thank you for all of your support this year! We look forward to ending this wonderful year on a high note with your fantastic children!



Fifth Grade: NJSLA testing is over...woohooo!!! They worked very hard and we're so proud of their efforts! It's hard to believe the school year is coming to a close! We're off to Brooklawn for "Brooklawn Bridge" to meet new friends, see familiar faces and work cooperatively to ensure a smooth transition into middle school life. We are all looking forward to our annual trip in June to Happiness is Camping! This day is always such a wonderful experience for all our students and a great way to celebrate their last year in elementary school! In math, the students have been working on conversions of both metric and customary units. Be sure to ask your child what Love Stinky Monkeys and *Strangers Love Donuts means in relation to converting measurements.*

In social studies, the students will be learning all about immigrants and reformers. They will be going on a "virtual" tour of Ellis Island and working on Reform Movements projects where they will be put into groups and research and present their findings on the following topics: women's rights, temperance, mental health, anti-slavery, and education.

In reading, we are moving on to our next unit, which is fantasy. The students will learn all about figurative language and get back into book clubs to read fantasy novels of their choice.

In science, the children will learn all about how energy gets transmitted by the sun and makes its way through the entire food chain/food web. As we're sure you have heard, they have been researching and will be sharing their information about how energy moves from one living thing to another.

In writing, the students will be writing all about their memories here at Eastlake. These essays will be viewed by a third party and voted on by their classmates. The essays chosen will be read at our moving up ceremony! We are looking forward to a fabulous end of the year with so many fun activities to celebrate our 5th graders! Don't forget our moving up ceremony is on June 17th at 9:30 AM, more information to follow in the upcoming weeks.