

Roosevelt Elementary

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Word of the month:
Gratitude/Caring



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November 2022

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 End of Term 1 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Veteran's Day Lunch  |
| 14 | 15  | 16 Professional Development- 2 hr late start for students | 17 5th Grade Orchestra Concert @ WEAC 7:00 – 8:00pm | 18  |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Picture Retake Day  | 24 Thanksgiving break- No school for staff or students | 25 Thanksgiving break- No school for staff or students |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | |  |



Nov 16 will be Turkey Bingo for our students during school hours.
Turkey pick-up will be on Nov 17 for the winners.

Hello, Roosevelt
Families and Friends!



We celebrated **Unity Day** on Oct. 18th to recognize and raise awareness around showing acceptance and kindness to all; including others! Staff and students wore orange shirts, and we captured several Kodak Moments! In November, we teach on **gratitude**; we'll be practicing how we show gratitude at school and at home



Thank you for attending our parent-teacher conferences this month. Building relationships with you is a goal for us, and our partnership works in the best interest of your child; our students.



Please reach out if I can be of any assistance. I appreciate your partnership and support.
Lori Lockhart,
Roosevelt Principal



Pre K:

As the weather is getting colder, please remember to send warm coats, hats and mittens everyday. This is also an important time to be helping your children with the skills to be independent- putting on their coat and zipping it by themselves. We continue to work on writing their name, naming letters and numbers, and counting.

Kindergarten:

Hello Kindergarten families! In literacy this month, we are starting to learn how to read and write high frequency words and blend sounds together to make words. In math, we are reading, writing, and representing numbers up to 31. We'll start counting forward to 20 and backward from 20 too. Please remember to keep reading with your child at home!

1st Grade:

It's starting to feel like Fall! Please be sure to send warm clothes with your child (jacket, hat, gloves/mittens...). In the month of November, we will be working on place value, addition, and subtraction in Math. In Reading, we will focus on asking questions in fiction and non-fiction text. We will also learn to describe characters, settings, and major events in a story using key details. It will be a busy month of learning! Please continue to read with your child at home. See how much they can read to you, too! Thank you for all that you do for your child - we love having them!

2nd Grade:

Hello! Thank you so much for coming to conferences this fall. We enjoyed meeting with you to discuss your child! The first couple of months have flown by! This month, we will be practicing using place value to describe numbers from 10 to 1000. In literacy, we will be describing the beginning, middle, and end of a story. Also, we will be recounting stories from fables or folktales and figure out their central message/theme. Thank you for partnering with us in helping your child learn and grow. As always please reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have.



CLASSROOM NEWS



3rd Grade:

Hi Families! Wow, it is already getting cold out. Make sure to bring warm clothes, hats, and gloves to protect us from the cold weather. 3rd grade has been busy using addition and subtraction to solve real-world and mathematical problems. We use various strategies, including number line, chip model, partial sums/differences, and many more. Next, we will be starting multiplication and division, so be ready! We also have been determining the main idea of a text; recounting the key details and explaining how they support the main idea. We want all students to be able to explain how key details support the main idea. Next, in literacy we will be focusing on text structures. "Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." -Margaret Mead

4th Grade:

We have had a busy couple of months in 4th grade and have been working hard on routines and expectations within the classroom as well as outside of the classroom. In fourth grade, we like to honor students who are showing Roosevelt STAR behavior by having 5 students from each class get recognized. We do this with an awards ceremony at the end of every month. Each child has a chance to earn all five letters of STARS by the end of the year. Please encourage your child to work towards all five awards. In the beginning of October we started our multiplication and division unit in math. In reading, we finished the main idea unit and are having fun with recognizing and determining character traits within our stories. We are also working hard on grammar skills in writing and will be starting our Social Studies unit on government. Lastly, with the weather getting colder, please make sure your child is bringing his/her cold weather gear to school every day. If your child needs hats, gloves, coats, etc provided to them, please reach out to your child's teacher and let them know.





5th Grade:

In 5th grade this month we are diving into comparing and contrasting characters, settings, and events in our fiction texts during reading. During math we are continuing our work on multi digit whole number and decimal multiplication and division, and will be testing division by the end of the month. Finally, DARE is now in full swing! Students are loving having the DARE officers come and visit the classroom once a week to talk about making good decisions!

Music:

We are moving in music class with Kinder showing fast and slow with their bodies when listening to music, and 1st showing the steady beat in our bodies. 2nd-5th are working on identifying our emotions when listening to a variety of music. 3-5 is going a step further to describe those emotions, while 4th is also identifying what they hear in the music that is causing those emotions. 5th is starting to compare and contrast different emotions felt in songs as well.

PE:

Now that the weather is changing, Please make sure your student has gym-appropriate shoes each day for physical education. Sandals, flip flops, clogs, boots or shoes with heels are potentially dangerous during activity.

We will be starting Volleyball, Basketball and Tumbling unites.

EL:

The library is one of the most valuable resources in our community, and anyone can use it. You and your family will find books, videos, music, newspapers, computers, and much more for kids and adults — for free! Visiting the library can be a great time for students to find books that they are interested in, which supports their learning. Students go to the school library during the week, but consider making it a family activity by visiting the public library in Willmar. The Library in Willmar is located at 410 5th St. SW, and is open Monday-Friday from 9:00-8:00 and Saturdays from 9:00-4:00.



You can still order a book from the Usborne Book Fair held during parent-teacher conferences at: <https://c8473.myubam.com/FullCatalog>

Counselor/Social Work Corner

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Gratitude

Gratitude is our character word of the month here at Roosevelt. In our classrooms, we will have the opportunity to discuss the things that we are thankful for and how being thankful can change the way we feel. Studies have shown that being thankful and having **gratitude** increases happiness and well-being.

Help us promote **gratitude** this month by talking to your child about what they are thankful for each day. It doesn't have to be big things, give your child small examples like a friend smiling and saying hello at school, getting a special compliment from a teacher, being the helper for the day or maybe even having their favorite lunch in the cafeteria. By talking about things we are grateful for we can wire our brains for **gratitude** and positivity.

Thank you for sharing your children with us each day. We have enjoyed seeing them in their classrooms, cafeteria and recess. They are growing, playing and learning every day! We want every child to thrive at school and we are here to help. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

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Save Receipts For Your Child's Education Expenses

If you're buying school supplies for your children in kindergarten through 12th grade, you may qualify for one or both of these tax relief programs:

- K-12 Education Subtraction
- K-12 Education Credit

Save your receipts, because both programs can help lower your taxes and may provide a larger refund when filing your Minnesota income tax return.

Last year, more than 19,000 families received the K-12 Education Credit and saved an average of \$261. Nearly 130,000 families received the K-12 Education Subtraction with an average subtraction of \$1,207.



Common Expenses That Qualify:

- School supplies (pencils, paper, calculators)
- Educational computer hardware and software
- Tutoring K-12 curriculum by a qualified instructor
- Rental or purchase of musical instruments used during school



Expenses That Do Not Qualify:

- School supplies not used in education (backpacks, tissues, organizers)
- Clothing, including school uniforms (except required gym clothes)
- School lunches
- Family trip to museum or zoo



Do I qualify?

To qualify for either the credit or subtraction, both of these must be true:

- You purchased educational services or materials to assist with your child's education
- Your child is attending kindergarten through 12th grade at a public, private, or home school

Income limits for Each Program

K-12 Education Credit: Your household income (taxable and nontaxable income) must be below the levels shown here. If you qualify for the credit, you must file a Minnesota return to claim a refund.

| Number of qualifying children in K-12: | Household income must be less than: |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 or 2 | \$37,500 |
| 3 | \$39,500 |
| 4 or more | Add \$2,000 for each additional child |

K-12 Education Subtraction: There are no income limits for the education subtraction.

For more information on these programs and other valuable tax information, visit www.revenue.state.mn.us and enter **K12** in the Search box or call us at 651-296-3781 or 800-652-9094.