



# MOUNT EAGLE MESSENGER

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Dear Families and Friends,

Next week marks the end of the first quarter! School will be closed for students on Monday, November 5th and Tuesday, November 6th for Fairfax County Parent-Teacher Conference Days. We are hoping to see many parents come in for conferences. Many of you have already met with your child's teacher. We are so pleased with the open lines of communication coming from our parents. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher to set up a conference time, if you have not yet done so. You are your child's first teacher, and we can not be successful without you.

Our first week of "After School Enrichment" was a huge success. Every child that participated had a wonderful time learning and skill building. The instructors loved it even more! There will be a second enrichment session in late winter or early spring. We hope to see many more students attending this session also.

Each day Mount Eagle is filled with learning and essential activities. The best way to support your child is by reading with him or her, or having them read to you. Next week, on October 31<sup>st</sup>, many students may be celebrating Halloween. We are asking that you please help monitor the candy and treats that may be coming to school. Thank you for your assistance. Please know that we are available any time.

Sincerely,

Brian Butler, Principal

Dawn Hendrick, Assistant Principal

Coming Soon.....	
10/29/07	Rolling Bowling Week
10/30/07	Picture Retakes 10 AM
11/01/07	RIF Distribution
11/02/07	End of First Quarter
11/05/07	Student Holiday - No School
11/06/07	Student Holiday - No School

## FANTASTIC FIRST GRADE



Our first graders have been very busy this month! In language arts, we have been reading books and making text-to-self connections. We have also been learning that we can write for many purposes including lists, letters, and stories. In math, we have been counting and combining numbers and representing our thinking with pictures, numbers, and words. In science, we have been talking about the signs of Fall. In social studies, we have been discussing neighborhoods and communities.

Remember to check your children's homework folders each night and help them read their take home books!

*Mrs. Adams and Miss Young*



## October is Computer Learning Month.

Here at Mount Eagle we use computers in every classroom as often as we can! We

have really enjoyed getting the Kindergarteners and First Graders into the lab for their first lessons. The upper grades have also been using both their classroom computers and the computer lab to learn some great things. Be sure to ask your children what they have done on the computer lately. Also, don't forget to sign up for your Blackboard Parent View account and check out what your child is doing. You can come by the school office to sign up.

## STRINGS AT MOUNT EAGLE

*Amber Hicks, Strings Instructor*

Strings lessons have begun at Mount Eagle and it has been very exciting! We have a good number of beginners who have already started reading music. We start by plucking the strings and will use our bows in late November or December. All of this is preparation for our concerts at the end of the year!



We also have some returning 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who are picking up where they left off with review and learning new notes and rhythms. They will have their first concert in January and will be able to show off all the new things they've learned.

To all the students: great job and keep practicing! You're going to sound wonderful and I'm so proud of the progress you've made so far!



Next Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have our first Reading Is Fundamental distribution of this school year. RIF is a non-profit organization whose goal is to put books in the hands of children and to promote the love of reading. Grants from the federal government provide most of the funds to purchase RIF books, but RIF also depends on local benefactors to support individual programs. We are very fortunate to have the support of The Women of the Moose, Franconia Chapter 1042; Loyal Order of the Moose, Franconia Lodge 1976; and the Granny Squares chapter of the Federation of Grandmother Clubs of America.

Reading Is Fundamental Day is always a fun event at Mount Eagle. Children love the excitement of choosing a book to take home and keep. We hope you will ask your child why he or she chose his/her book. If you have a younger child, please read the book with him. Ask an older child to tell you about the book as he or she reads it themselves.

If you are in the school on November 1<sup>st</sup>, please come by and see the books that are available to the children. If you have questions, please call me at 703.721.2100.

Happy Reading!  
Donna Sheridan, Librarian



*It's an Invitation to Literacy*  
*Mary Davis, PIP Coordinator*

*Families of students from FECEP through second grade are invited to attend our first Partners in Print session Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The session will begin at 5:30. We have some fun and exciting reading activities that we would love to share with you.*