

PAW PRINTS

The Newsletter of Auburn Early Education Center

Counselor's Corner

November's Core Essential value of the month is HONOR. We will be discussing that HONOR simply means 'letting someone know you see how valuable they really are'. This month, we will be HONORING veterans who have served our country. A simple way to discuss HONOR with your child at home is to have them think of people in their life who are valuable to them. Ask your child 'what are some ways you can show these people that you see how valuable they are?'

We will also be discussing Erin's Law in our guidance lessons this month utilizing the curriculum *Safer, Smarter Kids*. *This curriculum was created to educate and empower students with knowledge and skills to stay safe. For more information about the lessons, please visit www.safer-smarter-kids.org.*

For more information about this law, visit www.erinlaw.org.

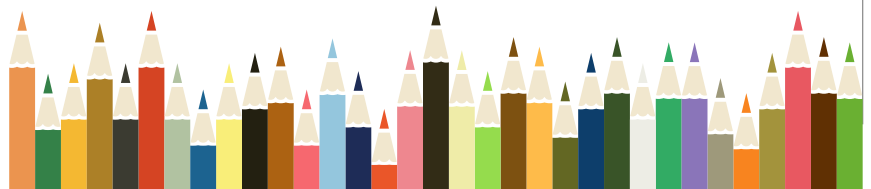


Principal's Message

Hello AEEC and welcome to November! We appreciate all of your efforts and support this week as we celebrated Red Ribbon Spirit Week. We had a fun pep rally today where we discussed the healthy choices we make. We honored our students who exhibited the word Courage. We also recognized community leaders who supported our playground projects. Our special guests included: Mayor Ron Anders, Superintendent Cristin Herring, Asst. Superintendent Wes Gordon, Playground Builder Drew Warren, and PTO President Elizabeth Bennett.

Next Friday is our Veterans Day program where we honor those who support and have supported our country by serving in the military. We can't wait to show our young students the importance of this population and how much we value and appreciate them!

With appreciation,
Matt Bruner



Curriculum Corner

This month's curriculum corner will be a focus on practicing sight words at home with your children. Each grade level has a list of sight words to focus on for every nine weeks. If you choose to practice these words at home with your child(ren), please keep the following tips in mind:

- 1) Look for sight words in books, magazines, or any print and read that sight word within the context of the sentence.
- 2) Practice sight words by using your entire body (air write, sidewalk chalk, arm tapping, singing, dancing, etc.)
- 3) Always see, spell, and write the word and then use it in a sentence with each word to build that context.

Please remember that any word can be a sight word because every day children are building words to store in their lexicons (vocabularies) and once these words are stored in their lexicons they are known as sight words. A sight word can be automatically pulled from a child's vocabulary bank in his/her brain whether it is seen on a flash card or in the context of a sentence.

Media Center

Library Media classes have focused on the difference between fiction and non-fiction books and where to locate them in the library. We are learning how to use the Destiny Library Search to find books in the library. We have also been discussing call numbers and the importance they play in our library. A big shout out to our second graders for modeling and helping our kindergarten friends use their shelf markers to check out books. Mark your calendars for our Fall Scholastic Book Fair coming Nov. 4th - 8th. Please read with your child every night. Research proves that children who read 20 minutes each night score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. "Reading is dreaming with open eyes."

Notes from the Nurse

Tinea (ringworm) is an infection caused by a fungus. It's called ringworm because the rash from the infection tends to form round or oval spots that then become smooth in the center as they grow while the border remains red and scaly. The fungus can spread quickly among students. What Parents Can Do:

- **Stop the spread.** Check and treat any pets that may have the fungus-look for scaling, itchy, hairless areas on their fur. Family members, playmates, or schoolmates who show symptoms also should be treated. Do not allow your child to share combs, brushes, hair clips, barrettes, or hats. ACS states that your child must not attend school until treatment has been started.
- **Keep lesion/rash covered.**

- **Talk with your pediatrician.** A single ringworm patch on the body can be treated with an over-the-counter cream recommended by your pediatrician. If there are any patches on the scalp, face, or more than one on the body, or if the rash is getting worse while being treated, your pediatrician may prescribe a stronger medication and special shampoo.

Fine Arts with Basgier and Schiller

We're having a blast in the ART room! Students have continued learning about Elements of Art like *line*, *shape*, *color*, and *texture*, and integrating those into their artwork. Kindergarten has been learning all about Swiss artist Paul Klee and have created paintings and collages inspired by his work. First grade has been introduced to Vincent Van Gogh and are studying his sunflower paintings. They are in the middle of creating beautiful sunflower pictures inspired by his work. Georgia O'Keefe has been introduced to second graders in preparation for their upcoming poppy paintings. I am loving my time each week with your children!

This month in MUSIC we are performing fun fall-themed pitch explorations, pumpkin songs, movement explorations, pumpkin songs, movement explorations, and spooky rhythm activities for our peers. Every student has learned to play the *guiro* and has performed "Frog in the Meadow" for their class. We are also finishing preparations for our Veterans Day program and are beginning to get ready for our Holiday Shows coming up at the beginning of December!

Upcoming Dates for AEEC

November 1	Beat Bama Food Drive Kickoff
November 4-8	Fall Book Fair Week
November 8	Veterans Day Program 9:30 am
November 11	Veterans Day/No School
November 15	Progress Reports Go Home
November 18	Thanksgiving Lunches with 2nd Grade Families
November 19	Kindergarten and Little HAPIE Tree Families
November 20	1st Grade and Little HAPIE Tree Families
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Holidays/No School
December 5	AEEC Donuts with Grownups @ 6:45 am
December 10	Holiday Programs Performance 1 - 2nd grade @ 8:30 am Performance 2 - Kindergarten @ 9:45 am Performance 3 -First Grade @ 11:00 am
December 16	Kindergarten Holiday Party @ 1:00 pm
December 17	2nd Grade & Little HAPIE Tree Holiday Party @ 1:00 pm
December 18	1st Grade & Little HAPIE Tree Holiday Party @ 1:00 pm
December 20-January 3	Winter Break/No School