



Smith Spectacular February 9, 2018



It is the beginning of the third quarter, how did that happen? Students and staff have been busy working on Fact Fluency February, Groundhog Day, Hundredth Day, Valentine's Day, School Vacation coming up, and all the learning! Wow!

Please note All School Share will be the last B day of the month as usual but because of all the interruptions, it is very early this month: Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 8:00. Hope to see you there.

March 5th-8th is National School Breakfast Week. Be on the lookout for more information on the March School Lunch Menu.

February is DENTAL HEALTH MONTH! The University of Maine Bangor Campus Give Kids a Smile is offering FREE dental care for kids. This is for any child age 1-18 who does not have a dentist. Limited appointments are available.
Call: 207-262-7872

Smith School is ALWAYS collecting BOX TOPS. This is a simple, yet very effective fundraiser for our school. Classrooms compete to see who can bring in the most box tops for the month. Please send yours in any time. Get your extended family to help too! Thank you.

Growth Mindset

Selling GRIT to your students: get your kids thinking about how practice, training, and toil lead to great accomplishment. Think about Michael Jordan's basketball career. In a Nike commercial titled "Failures", Michael Jordan shares "I've missed more than nine thousand shots in my career. I've

lost more than three hundred games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot, and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life, and that is why I succeeded." Now that is true GRIT! We want to continue encouraging our kids to set goals, work incredibly hard, and always strive to get to the top. Don't let failures hold you back!

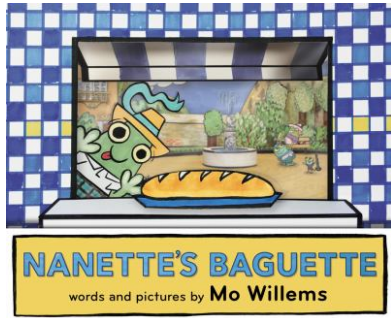
1st Grade:

First Grade students are working hard at becoming strong readers and writers! We have spent time reviewing strategies for reading tricky words so that we can read independently! Also, we are learning to think about the characters we meet in our books. Ask your First Grader about characters when you are reading together at home! As writers, we have worked recently in two units of study: All About Books and Opinion Books. Writing an all about book with chapters was challenging, but it was exciting to be an expert on a topic! Opinion books have First Graders writing about what they think and feel and giving reasons why they feel the way they do. Most First Graders have been writing about favorite animals, things to eat, school activities, and even favorite colors!

2nd Grade:

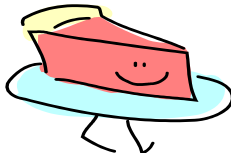
Ms. Stearns' class celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up like they were 100 years old. They compared life as a 7 or 8 year old to life as an older adult.

Library



Nanette is tasked with getting the baguette from the bakery. Can she do it? Written and illustrated, by Mo Willems, Smith School's beloved author of the Pigeon and Piggie and Elephant series, this is a great rhyming read-aloud. It's also one of our Chickadee Award nominated books this year!

Kindergarten Registration was held February 8, 2018. If you did not register your student on this day, please contact Debbie in the office at 223-4282 or email her at dsmith@rsu22.us.



A slice of Pie!

(Partners in Education)

We hope you can join us for the Valentine Sock Hop and Cake Walk on Friday, February 9th, from **6:00-8:00!** Come and enjoy dancing, a giant cakewalk, raffles, concessions, "Go Noodles" and more! It's a fun event for all ages. Thanks to everyone in the community who volunteered to send in goodies for the Cake Walk!

Next PIE meeting date: **Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30** in the library.

Remember, **Smith School Merchandise** orders are placed at the end of every month. If interested, you can find an order form on the school website. Just send the completed form into school with a check made out to "PIE." Show your school pride with some cool Smith School gear!

Just a reminder about these easy (and free!) ways to help PIE support Smith School: The "**Coke Give**" program (send in caps from any Coca-Cola product with a code under the cap), **Box Tops for Education** and using smile.amazon.com whenever you shop with Amazon. We appreciate your support!

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, February 9: Valentine Sock Hop and Cake Walk, 6:00-8:00

Tuesday, February, 13: All School Share 8:00

Tuesday, February, 13: PIE meeting, 6:30 Smith School Library

Friday, February, 16: Early Dismissal, 11:30

Monday-Friday, February 19-23: School Vacation - enjoy!