

Smith Spectacular

December 1, 2023

Welcome December

It is unbelievable how quickly time is going by! It is December already! We have a lot of activities planned for this month. On Friday, Dec. 8, we have early dismissal (11:30). On that day, we will be visited by a Trombone Quartet first thing in the a.m (8:30) then at 10:30, Grade 3 and Kindergarten families are invited in for a special activity with their children. (All grade levels will be invited in for a special activity at some point in the year!) On December 22, the entire school will be heading up to Wagner for our annual Winter Wonderland activities (more information will be coming)! And let's not forget all the other learning happening in December! It will be a delightful December for sure!

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Hay's Social Studies students are having a blast exploring the regions of the United States! So far, they have visited the Northeast and Southeast Regions. They have taken virtual tours of major cities, special landmarks, and tourist attractions of each state in those regions. They studied the differences in climate, population density, and average rainfall between the regions. Their next stop is the Midwest Region and learning all about the great agriculture there!



Mrs. Foran's science students have been learning about energy and how it transfers when objects collide! They created ramps to cause different collisions with toy cars and studied how energy was transferred when the cars crashed. They finished the unit by designing and creating a class Rube Goldberg machine. They are great scientists!



Kindergarten

Kindergarten teachers are excited to welcome students' family members to their classrooms for our "BEE Our Guest" day on Friday! Students are looking forward to spending time doing crafts with their family members!

Third Grade

Our third graders have wrapped up their first foray into the exciting world of nonfiction reading and writing, leaving us all thoroughly impressed. They've become mini-experts, sharing their knowledge through incredible writing. In reading class, they've mastered the art of identifying text features and deciphering main ideas, laying a strong foundation for future learning. We're looking forward to diving even deeper into nonfiction later this year with a focus on research skills.

Mark your calendars! On Friday, December 8th, we're delighted to welcome our families to "Bee Our Guest," a special event where will be crafting up a storm of snowy fun. See you there for a buzzing good time! ❄️❄️

Reading Tips

PHONOLOGICAL AND PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Did you know that many of the building blocks of reading involve playing with words and sounds?

Here are 5 fun literacy activities you can do right in the car!



Rhyming

Take turns thinking of words that **rhyme** as you are driving down the street!

Cat, fat, sat, rat . . .





Beginning Sounds

As you are driving, you can play I Spy and try to find things that start with the same **sound**.

I spy a truck, a tree, a traffic light . . .

Syllable Count

Notice things as you are driving and count how many words parts or **syllables** you hear.

sign = 1, swing-set = 2, li-brar-y = 3 . . .





Blending

Say a word sound by sound. Have your child blend the sounds together to figure out the word you are saying.

m-o-m = mom, h-ou-s = house,
f-r-e-n-d = friend, s-i-n = sign . . .

Segmenting

You can play I Spy for this game, too. This time when your child spies something have them count how many sounds there are in what they found.

boy = 2 sounds (b-oy), store = 4 sounds (s-t-o-r),
traffic = 5 sounds (t-r-a-f-i-c) . . .





Give these a try!

Just a few minutes in the car each day playing these simple games can give your child a jumpstart on literacy learning!

Looking For More Ideas?

Reading Rockets offers a great series called [Reading 101](#) that offers tips and trick for parents.

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Upcoming Events

Friday, Dec. 1: 1st trimester ends

Friday, Dec. 8: Early Release 11:30. Progress Reports come home.

Friday, Dec. 8: Trombone Quartet visit, 8:30. Kindergarten and 3rd grade family event (Other grade levels will be later in the year) 10:30-11:15

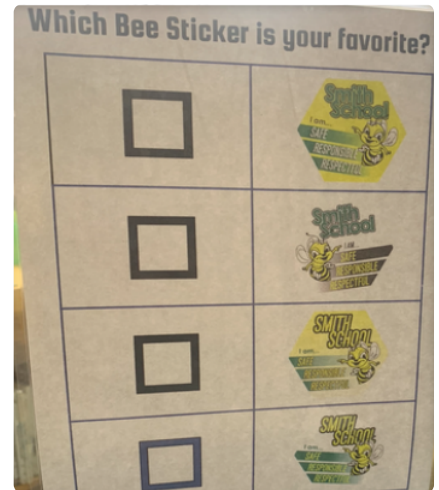
Tuesday, December 19: All School Share 8:00











Friday, Dec. 22: Smith School will travel to Wagner for Winter Wonderland (a.m.)

December 25- December 29: NO SCHOOL. School resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2024

PBIS

In November, students voted on their favorite Bee sticker. Students earn a bee sticker for following Smith School Expectations: Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful.



 Smith School Expectations 								
	★ Arrival & Dismissal	Hallway & Stairs	Playground	Cafeteria	Bus	Classroom	Assemblies	Bathroom
								
S A F E	I will walk safely into and out of the building.	I will walk. I will stay in my line. I will walk up and down one stair at a time. I will keep personal space.	I will use equipment appropriately. I will stay within boundaries. I will have a safe body.	I will eat only my food. I will have a calm body. I will stay in my seat.	I will stay seated until my stop. I will keep hands, feet, and things to myself.	I will use materials appropriately. I will keep personal space.	I will keep appropriate personal space.	I will use the bathroom appropriately. I will wash my hands and put my paper towel in the trash can.
	I will come prepared with the tools I need. I will come ready to learn.	I will walk on the right side. I will go directly to where I need to be.	I will dress appropriately for the weather. I will be a problem solver. I will line up when the signal is given.	I will be a problem solver. I will clean up my space. I will follow adult directions.	I will follow directions. I will be a problem solver. I will report any problems to the bus driver.	I will follow directions and classroom routines. I will be a problem solver. I will try my best.	I will be ready to listen.	I will report problems to an adult. I will do my business and get back to my classroom. I will flush when finished.
	I will treat others respectfully.	I will acknowledge others when spoken to. I will keep my hands to myself.	I will use kind language. I will take turns. I will be a good sport. I will follow the rules. I will respect nature.	I will use good manners. I will raise my hand if I need help.	I will use kind language. I will use a quiet voice.	I will show kindness to others. I will listen carefully while others speak. I will be considerate and honest.	I will celebrate others. I will be a respectful audience member.	I will respect the privacy of others.

December Great Body Shop - Health

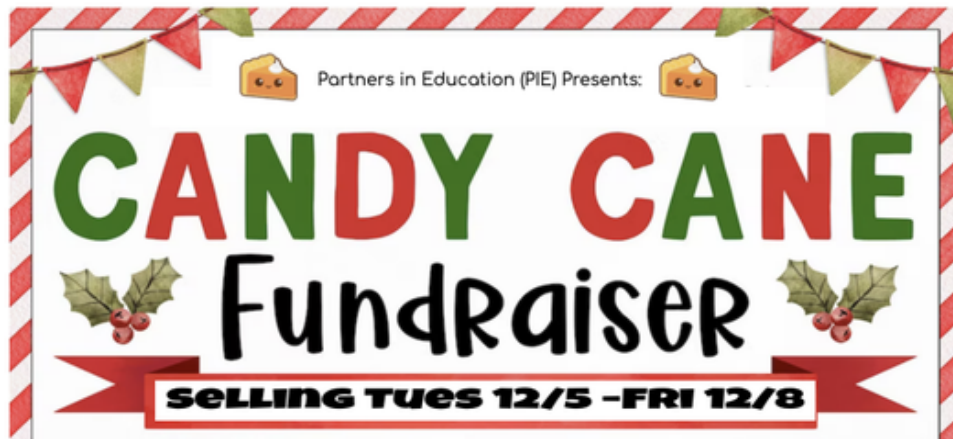
[Click to view the topics students will be learning about in Health in December](#)

PIE

Box tops- Download the app to help our school.

Rainbow cart- We are looking for volunteers to help show our staff that we appreciate them!

Follow us on Facebook and message us for details. [PIE Leroy H. Smith Elementary School](#).



SEND A SPRINKLE OF SWEETNESS AND CHEER WITH OUR
CANDY CANE GRAM!

These are sure to bring an extra smile to your
favorite teachers and staff at Smith School!



**FOR JUST \$1 EACH
SEND OUT A CANDY CANE AND A CARD.**

SELLING TUES 12/5 - FRI 12/8 & DELIVERED BY PIE THE WEEK OF 12/11-12/15

Note: There will be PIE members there to help the morning of sales. If you are able/willing to help please go to our sign up genius on our facebook page and sign up! We could always use more help! *All sales are final.

Changes in Dismissal Plan Reminder

If your child is going to a destination other than their usual routine, we will need to have the information in writing to smithoffice@rsu22.us by 1:00 PM. We do not accept changes over the phone. The following information should be included in your email/text message:

- Child's full name
- Name of the person they are going to
- Street address of the destination

Please notify smithoffice@rsu22.us of any changes in afterschool plans, even if you have emailed their teacher. This will ensure that the changes are made.

Smith School has been very fortunate to be able to offer a school-based Mentor Program since 2008. The program was just awarded a grant through the Saxifrage Fund and the Maine Community Foundation to ensure that this program will be available to more students for this school year. Mentoring students look forward to the visits with their mentors each week. Some of the activities the mentors and students may participate in include crafts, building models, playing games, reading, and eating lunch together. The program requires the mentor to spend approximately one-half hour to an hour with your assigned students each week during school hours. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Debbie Smith at 223-4282.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Our School-based Big Brothers Big Sisters program is looking for more coordinators! The position involves helping to supervise elementary students and their Bigs (High School students) one day per week after school. Here is some information about how you can get involved if you are interested! The more volunteers we have, the more students can participate in this amazing program!



**ISO: A Coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters
at Leroy Smith School
Come join the fun!**

If you are...

- Friendly, caring, and want to see ALL kids realize their full potential
- Committed, responsible, and ready to have FUN for 2 hours per week
- Over 18 and have transportation

...we want to talk to you!

****change the lives of kids and teens in your community
in just 2 hours a week!****

Scan to learn more!








Big Brothers Big Sisters.
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Community Events

This website will provide you with all sorts of information about events, sign-ups for clubs, etc. available to your children. Please check often. We will be putting flyers, etc. directly into this folder.

December Lunch Menu

Leroy H. Smith School- December Menu				
Help Wanted: Food Service Subs		Breakfast - Daily entree or Cereal, fruit, juice, milk		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
				Pizza Day Cheese or Pepperoni
4	5	6	7	8
Caf Classic Hamburgers/Cheeseburger Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	Breakfast for Lunch Pancakes Sausage Salad & Fruit Bar	Caf Classic Toasted Cheese Tomato Soup, Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	Tacos Chicken and Cheese Tacos Salad & Fruit Bar	Early Dismissal To Go Bag Lunch Bagel, Cream Cheese, Yogurt, Fruit, Veg, Milk
11	12	13	14	15
All Time Favorite Chicken Nuggets, Fries Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	Breakfast for Lunch Build your own Yogurt Parfait Fruit, Cereal and more Salad & Fruit Bar	Caf Classic Homemade Meatballs & Sauce with Breadstick Salad & Fruit Bar	New! Homemade Chicken Ramen Noodle Soup Toasted Cheese Sandwich Salad & Fruit Bar	Pizza Day Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar
18	19	20	21	22
Caf Classic Hamburgers/Cheeseburger Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	Chicken and Waffles Crunchy Chicken Drumsticks Waffle Sticks Salad & Fruit Bar	All American Holiday Dinner Turkey & Stuffing Mashed Potatoes, Cran Sauce Winter Squash, Sugar Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar	Deli Day Ham & Cheese Fresh Veggies Salad & Fruit Bar	Pizza Day Cheese or Pepperoni Salad & Fruit Bar
25	26	27	28	29
				
Harvest of the Month Maine Winter Squash		Alternate Menu Choices - PBJ Meal or Chef's Choice		

2023-2024 School Year Calendar

2018-2019 School Calendar

August

M	T	W	Th	F
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
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September

M	T	W	Th	F
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4 H	5 (Pre-K & K - 1st day)	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
		20, 20 (24, 22)		

October

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9 H	10	11	12	13
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23	24	25	26	27
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November

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December

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January

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February

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March

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April

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15 H	16 V	17 V	18 V	19 V
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29	30			
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May

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27 H	28	29	30	31
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June

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School Year

178* Student Days

- 1 Management Day
- 1 Teacher Preparation Day
- 4 Inservice Days
- 1 Teacher Comp Day (*3 storm days included)

Quarters Q

1	45 days
2	43 days
3	44 days
4	46 days
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8/30/23-12/1/23	61 days
12/4/23-3/8/24	57 days
3/11/24-6/11/24	60 days

August 14 Fall Sports

August 23, 24, 25 Teacher Orientation (also Sped only)

August 25 Educational Technicians start date

August 28 Management Day/Start Inservice day

August 29 Teacher Prep

August 30 Partial Attendance (Gr 1-9 students)

August 31 Full Attendance (Gr 1-9 students)

September 1 UTC First Day

September 2 Full Attendance (Prek and K - First Day)

September 5 Teacher Comp Time (no school)

[Click here for the whole year.](#) The calendar will be adjusted if there are snow days.

December				
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¹⁸ D	¹⁹ E	²⁰ F	² A	²² B
²⁵ Holiday	²⁶ Vacation	²⁷ Vacation	²⁸ Vacation	²⁹ Vacation

Pre-planned Absence Form

Please fill out if you plan on begin absent for 4 or more days.



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