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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

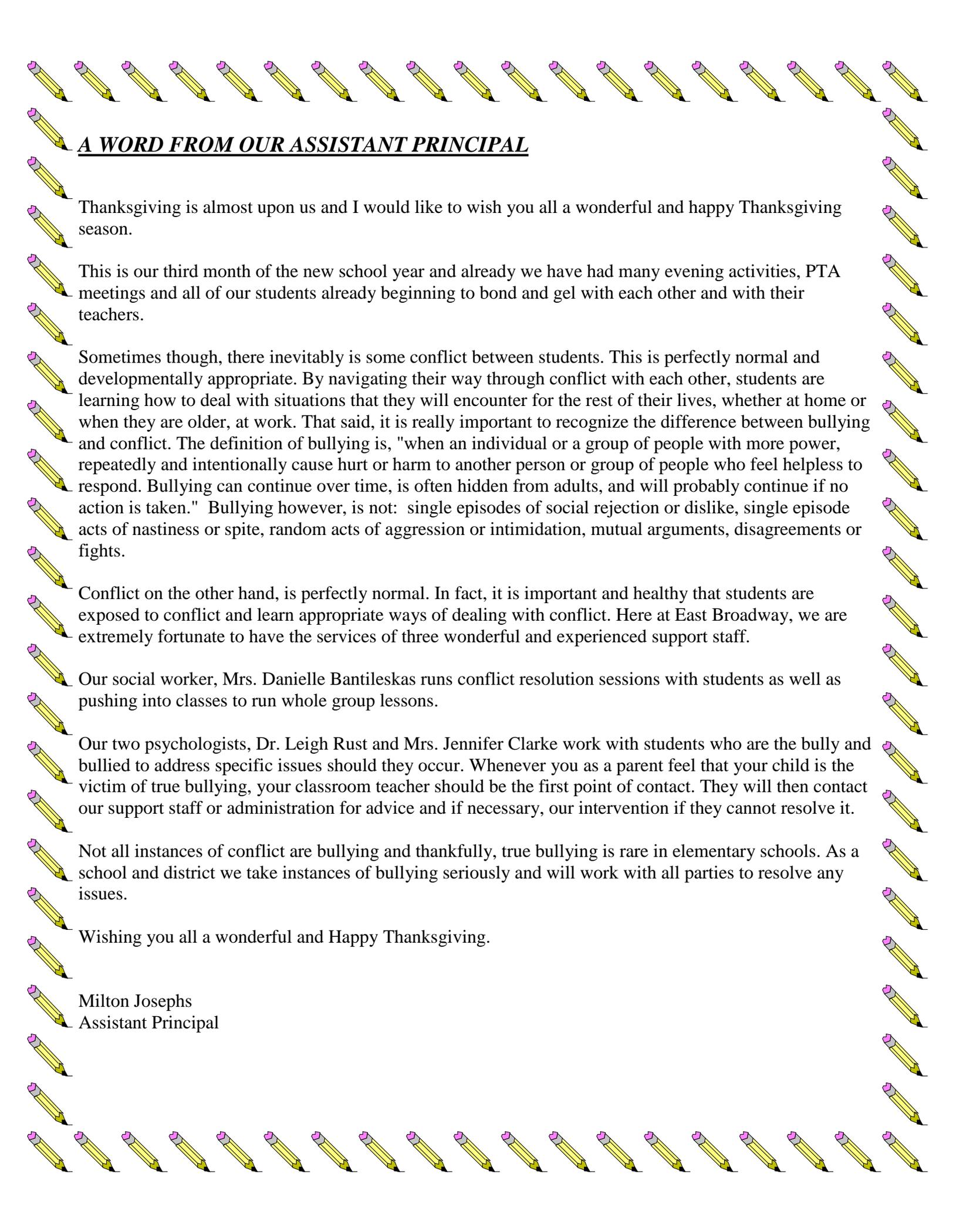
While school and work can get quite hectic at times, please take a few moments to be reflective. There are so many wonderful things that we should not take for granted. With Thanksgiving upon us, please remember to give our children that extra hug and kiss and tell them how much they mean to us. This helps to "Live their Dash." Living your dash means living your life with purpose and doing what you can to be mindful of the world around you and doing for others. Use the long holiday weekend to meet with friends and family to share stories of your past. It is these kinds of conversations and gatherings that help our youngsters to bring experiences, knowledge, and memories to the classroom. The more opportunities children have to speak and listen, the more able they are to make connections when reading. These conversations also help students to develop "seeds" for writing and background knowledge for reading. Parent involvement comes in many forms. Sharing stories with your family is yet another way to "Make Every Minute Count."

We are very excited about our new Levittown Literacy Initiative. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was the kick-off to the program. Please check out the website for future events
<http://www.levittownschoools.com/departments/administrative/instruction/programs/literacy>.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully yours,

Jeanmarie Wink
Principal



A WORD FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thanksgiving is almost upon us and I would like to wish you all a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving season.

This is our third month of the new school year and already we have had many evening activities, PTA meetings and all of our students already beginning to bond and gel with each other and with their teachers.

Sometimes though, there inevitably is some conflict between students. This is perfectly normal and developmentally appropriate. By navigating their way through conflict with each other, students are learning how to deal with situations that they will encounter for the rest of their lives, whether at home or when they are older, at work. That said, it is really important to recognize the difference between bullying and conflict. The definition of bullying is, "when an individual or a group of people with more power, repeatedly and intentionally cause hurt or harm to another person or group of people who feel helpless to respond. Bullying can continue over time, is often hidden from adults, and will probably continue if no action is taken." Bullying however, is not: single episodes of social rejection or dislike, single episode acts of nastiness or spite, random acts of aggression or intimidation, mutual arguments, disagreements or fights.

Conflict on the other hand, is perfectly normal. In fact, it is important and healthy that students are exposed to conflict and learn appropriate ways of dealing with conflict. Here at East Broadway, we are extremely fortunate to have the services of three wonderful and experienced support staff.

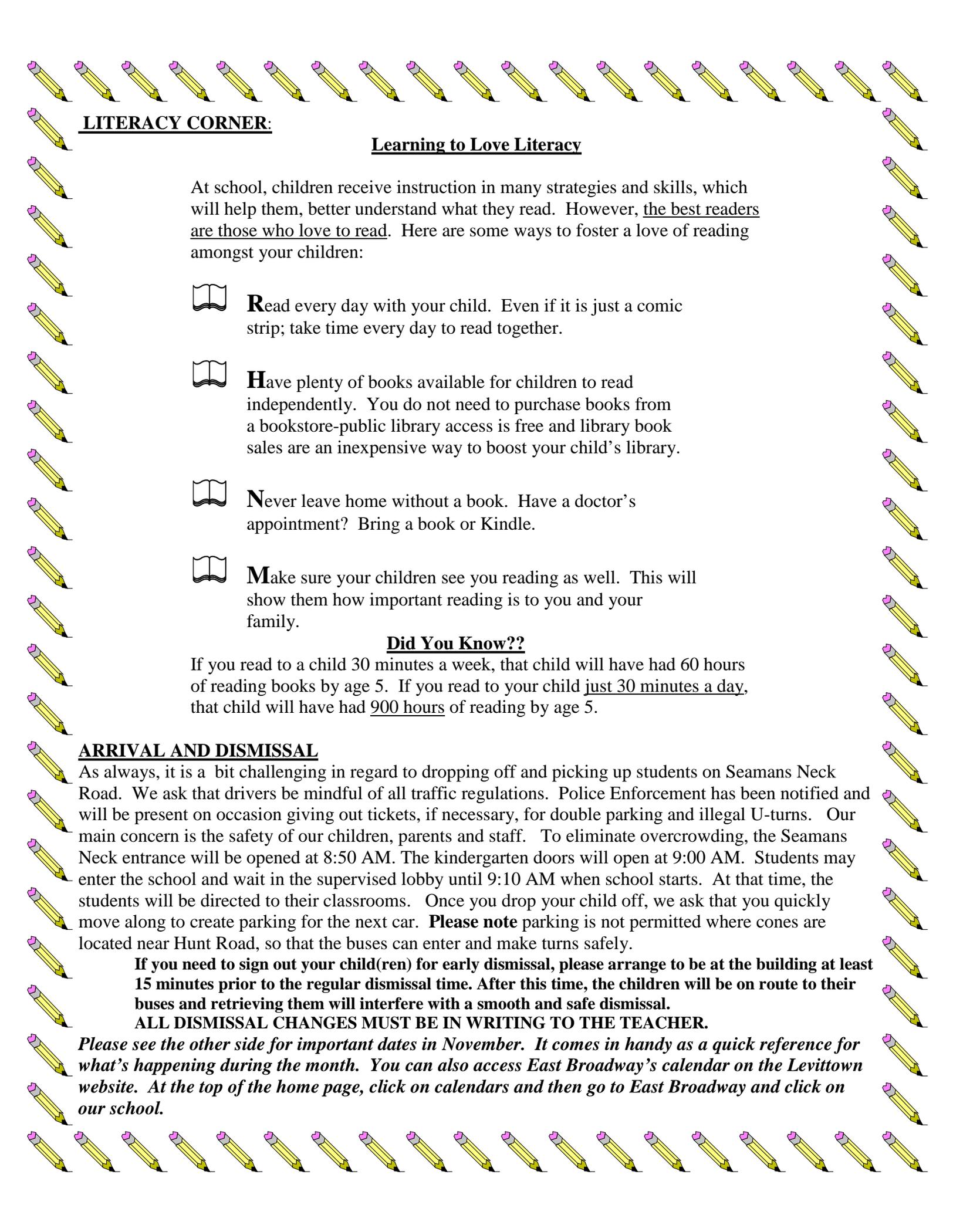
Our social worker, Mrs. Danielle Bantileskas runs conflict resolution sessions with students as well as pushing into classes to run whole group lessons.

Our two psychologists, Dr. Leigh Rust and Mrs. Jennifer Clarke work with students who are the bully and bullied to address specific issues should they occur. Whenever you as a parent feel that your child is the victim of true bullying, your classroom teacher should be the first point of contact. They will then contact our support staff or administration for advice and if necessary, our intervention if they cannot resolve it.

Not all instances of conflict are bullying and thankfully, true bullying is rare in elementary schools. As a school and district we take instances of bullying seriously and will work with all parties to resolve any issues.

Wishing you all a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving.

Milton Josephs
Assistant Principal



LITERACY CORNER:

Learning to Love Literacy

At school, children receive instruction in many strategies and skills, which will help them, better understand what they read. However, the best readers are those who love to read. Here are some ways to foster a love of reading amongst your children:



Read every day with your child. Even if it is just a comic strip; take time every day to read together.



Have plenty of books available for children to read independently. You do not need to purchase books from a bookstore-public library access is free and library book sales are an inexpensive way to boost your child's library.



Never leave home without a book. Have a doctor's appointment? Bring a book or Kindle.



Make sure your children see you reading as well. This will show them how important reading is to you and your family.

Did You Know??

If you read to a child 30 minutes a week, that child will have had 60 hours of reading books by age 5. If you read to your child just 30 minutes a day, that child will have had 900 hours of reading by age 5.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

As always, it is a bit challenging in regard to dropping off and picking up students on Seamans Neck Road. We ask that drivers be mindful of all traffic regulations. Police Enforcement has been notified and will be present on occasion giving out tickets, if necessary, for double parking and illegal U-turns. Our main concern is the safety of our children, parents and staff. To eliminate overcrowding, the Seamans Neck entrance will be opened at 8:50 AM. The kindergarten doors will open at 9:00 AM. Students may enter the school and wait in the supervised lobby until 9:10 AM when school starts. At that time, the students will be directed to their classrooms. Once you drop your child off, we ask that you quickly move along to create parking for the next car. **Please note** parking is not permitted where cones are located near Hunt Road, so that the buses can enter and make turns safely.

If you need to sign out your child(ren) for early dismissal, please arrange to be at the building at least 15 minutes prior to the regular dismissal time. After this time, the children will be on route to their buses and retrieving them will interfere with a smooth and safe dismissal.

ALL DISMISSAL CHANGES MUST BE IN WRITING TO THE TEACHER.

Please see the other side for important dates in November. It comes in handy as a quick reference for what's happening during the month. You can also access East Broadway's calendar on the Levittown website. At the top of the home page, click on calendars and then go to East Broadway and click on our school.

MONTHLY CALENDAR
NOVEMBER, 2019

- November 1 Winter Chorus (Group 2) 8:20 AM
November 5 ELECTION DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
November 6 Winter Concert Chorus (Group 1) 8:20 AM
November 7 PTA Meeting 7:00 PM
Orchestra Practice 8:00 AM
Energy Assembly – Gr. K-2 9:30 AM & Gr. 3-5 10:10 AM
November 8 Emergency shelter drill/dismissal at 3:15 PM
Winter Chorus (Group 2) 8:20 AM
November 11 VETERAN’S DAY -- NO SCHOOL 
November 13 Winter Concert Chorus (Group 1) 8:20 AM
Picture Retake Day
Outdoor Learning Center – Mrs. DeLorenzo/Mrs. McKinney
Levittown Museum – Mrs. Valdemira – 9:45 – 11:30 AM
Get A Voice 3:30 – 4:30 PM (Library)
November 14 Orchestra Practice 8:00 AM
Outdoor Learning Center – Ms. Russo – 12:00 – 1:30 PM
Fun Stuff Fun Night 7:00 PM
November 15 Winter Chorus (Group 2) 8:20 AM
Outdoor Learning Center – Mrs. Pokalsky – 12:00 – 1:30 PM
November 18 Levittown Museum – Mrs. McEntee
Outdoor Learning Center – Mrs. Kratzer 12:00 – 1:30 PM
November 19 Outdoor Learning Center – Mrs. McCoyd 12:00 – 1:30 PM
November 20 Winter Concert Chorus (Group 1) 8:20 AM
Levittown Museum – Ms. Causeman
Get A Voice 3:30 -4:30 PM (Library)
November 21 Orchestra Practice 8:00 AM
Chess club 3:25 -4:25 PM
Recycle Assembly for Grades 3,4,5 10:00 AM
November 22 Winter Chorus (Group 2) 8:20 AM
Assembly for K, 1 & 2 with author David Rottenberg
November 23 SEPTA Vendor/Artisan Fair at Levittown Hall 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
November 25 Levittown Museum – Mrs. Nadolny/Mrs. Johnson
Reflections – 7:00 PM
November 27 Winter Concert Chorus (Group 1) 8:20 AM
Arts and Ed Assembly – Jeff Boyer – BUBBLES 9:30/10:20
Get A Voice 3:30 – 4:30
November 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
November 29 No School – Thanksgiving Recess



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

