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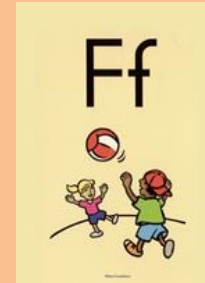
Serving Up Our Favorite Opinions!

What's for dinner? Craving some Chinese? Hankering for a burger? Why not try a diner? Our first graders would like a chance to express an opinion and possibly persuade you to try out their favorite restaurants!

In class, the students have been working on their powers of persuasion as they express opinions on their favorite hobbies, toys, and items in a collection. When drafting reviews for their favorite restaurants, the writing really started to cook! It is easy to pick a favorite, but how do you back up your opinion with reasons?

Throughout this unit, the children are trying on different elements of opinion writing. Delicious leads lure the reader in. Many students ask questions to engage the audience. Others use powerful language to describe the scrumptious food you will find at local establishments.

Don't feel like cooking? Let your favorite first grader pick the cuisine. Just sit back, relax, and be persuaded!



F, FUN, FOUNDATIONS!

If you have a budding reader in your house then you've probably heard about Echo, tapping, and many other aspects of Foundations!

Foundations by Wilson Language is the phonology program at Primrose. Through direct daily instruction, students acquire skills in phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, spelling and handwriting. Quite simply, Foundations provides a solid foundation to reading and writing. It is the ground floor of literacy.

When many parents were young, we learned to "sound out" unfamiliar words. But what if some letters in a word do not have a sound? At Primrose, we don't usually tell students to "sound out" words; rather, students are taught how to tap out the words, segmenting sounds for both writing and reading. Students use "stretchy snake" to stretch out words as they read. What about those trick words? Trick words are words one must memorize since they cannot be tapped out. Ex.: the, of, is, was, people, etc.

Attacking new words when reading and writing is a lifelong skill one begins at Primrose and carries with him/her for years to come!



SCSD Announcements

Tusker Tots!

The Tusker Tots and Teens Program is open to Pre-K students. For details:

<https://www.somersschools.org/cms/lib/NY01913963/Centricity/Domain/11/Tusker%20Tots%20Flyer%202019.pdf>

SEPTA Announcements

SEPTA General Board Meeting and Coffee & Conversation

Wednesday, January 16th at 7 PM in the SMS Library
All are welcome to attend our next SEPTA board meeting. Come listen to committee updates and plans for the upcoming months. Hear the exciting plans in store for this year's magic show and find out how you can get involved. Bring any ideas you have for future SEPTA events, activities, or speakers. Following the business portion of the meeting, join us for casual conversation and coffee. Other parents are our best resources. Come meet some of them, and tap into this breadth of knowledge and experience. Send an email to rsvpforsepta@gmail.com if you can attend.

SEF Announcements

SEF Variety Show:

The annual SEF Variety show takes place at SMS on Friday, January 25th at 7pm. Become an SEF Member with the purchase of your Variety Show tickets and receive the perk of early entry into the auditorium at 6:15 the night of the show. Tickets and an annual membership can be purchased on our website at <http://www.sefny.org/show/>

PTA Announcements

The SHS PTSA Scholarship Committee Presents....A Raffle to see Hamilton in NYC!!!

Win 2 tickets to Hamilton on Broadway

Seats: Friday, July 19th at 8pm. Seats are Right Front Mezzanine, Row A, Seats 6 & 8 (first row).

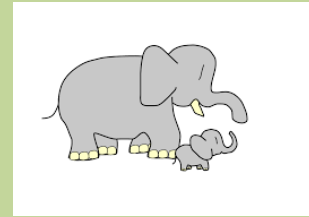
Drawing: May 16th at the SHS PTSA meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

Raffle tickets are 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50.

Purchase tickets online at myschoolbucks.com. Go to School Store, Browse All Items, and SHS Raffle Ticket.

Raffle tickets will be mailed to you.

For more information or to pay by cash/check, please email shsptsa.scholar@gmail.com



Don't forget!

Upcoming Events:

- 1/14-** PES PTA Meeting [7 PM]
- 1/18** – Colored in Character Day [Diversity]
Wear any color of the rainbow!
- 1/21** – Schools Closed for Martin Luther King Day.
- 2/6** - Early Dismissal for Students
10:50 Parent Pick-up, 11:10 Buses Depart
- 2/15** - Colored in Character Day [Compassion]
Compassionate Tuskers wear blue!
- 2/16-2/24** – Schools are closed for Winter Break.
- 2/25** – Schools are open!

Community Announcements

SYSO Boys Lacrosse:

Registration for the 2019 Boys' Spring Lacrosse Season is now open. We have another fantastic season lined up for grades K-8 including a full slate of games and tournaments, our annual West Point SYSO lax day, in-house league games, a talented roster of coaches and volunteers, and this year - stylish, new uniforms matching the Somers Varsity program. We have an early registration and uniform order window this season to make it all happen (details below) ... the deadline for spring registration is January 31st, please do not delay. <http://somersnyblax.website.siplay.com/>

Somers Lions

Somers Lions are Hosting their annual Blood Drive and Health Expo at Somers High School this Saturday 1/12/19. Many exhibitors will be present. Topics include: Vision Screenings, Diabetes Information, Yoga, Foot Care, Blood Pressure, Tai Chi, Massage and more. For more information:

<https://www.somersschools.org/cms/lib/NY01913963/Centricity/Domain/11/Health%20Expo.pdf>