



**JOHN MILLS**  
TROJANS

# ***Mills Moments***

**September 18, 2020**

## ***Announcements***

There is **NO School**, Synchronous or Asynchronous Learning, on Friday September 25th!

Teacher's weekly announcements on Fridays will now come through the Mills Moments every other Friday.

Aimswest Benchmark testing this week and it will continue through October 2nd. Please do not assist your child with these assessments because the scores will be used to best guide our instruction. Your child will have a reading and math assessment. Be on the lookout for information in your child's Seesaw/Google classrooms. And as always, thank you for your support.

Please check out the Elmwood Park Public Library's website (<https://www.elmwoodparklibrary.org/>) for exciting information about new hours, online homework help, library card information, and new books!

### ***John Mills School Parent Teacher Association***

Birthday books have been a long tradition with the John Mills PTA and we're happy to announce we will be distributing books again this year. Each month the PTA will hold a pick up for your children, they will receive a book based on their grade level. August-September is first up. Birthday books will be distributed for August/September birthdays on Monday, September 21, 2020 from 6:00-8:00pm at Door 1, the main entrance.

Please watch out for an email regarding membership information!

### ***Note from the Nurse***

All student health related requirements for Illinois school attendance remain in effect.

**A current Physical Exam with updated immunizations is required for all new students, pre-K, and Kindergarten students.**

Please refer to EPCUSD401 website for details and forms. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's school nurse. If you have a doctor appointment scheduled, please let our school nurse know.

**[gillespiev@epcUSD401.org](mailto:gillespiev@epcUSD401.org)**

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***Theme Thursdays***

**9/24: Harry Potter  
10/1: Fall Colors**

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## **Materials Pickup Information**

Gym Door (8) by the Bus Loading Zone on George Street .

**8:30 AM -3:00 PM**

Please see below for your student's designated days.

<b><u>Grade Level</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b>Pre-Kindergarten</b>	Friday, September 25th
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Thursday, September 24th
<b>1st Grade</b>	Tuesday, September 22nd
<b>2nd Grade- Makropoulos Only</b>	Wednesday, September 23rd
<b>3rd Grade</b>	Thursday, September 24th
<b>4th Grade</b>	Tuesday, September 22nd
<b>5th Grade</b>	No Materials to Pickup

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## **WALK-UP TECH SUPPORT**

**FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE!**

**TECH SUPPORT WILL BE SETUP  
INSIDE THE VESTIBULE OF EACH  
SCHOOL.**

**GO TO ANY SCHOOL & TIME THAT  
BEST FITS YOUR SCHEDULE.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Elmwood Park High School	8am-11am		8am-11am		8am-11am
Elm Middle School		2pm-5pm		2pm-5pm	
John Mills Elementary	2pm-5pm		2pm-5pm		2pm-5pm
Elmwood Elementary		8am-11am		8am-11am	

**OPEN TO STUDENTS AND  
STAFF OF ANY BUILDING.**

**FOR EXAMPLE: ELM  
STUDENTS CAN GO TO JOHN  
MILLS FOR SUPPORT. EPHS  
TEACHERS COULD GO TO  
ELMWOOD FOR SUPPORT.**

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# Pre-Kindergarten

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Looking ahead to Week 4, the PreK Team and our Unit of Study continues to look at what the beginning of the school year looks like and what rules there are in a school; specifically with online learning. We will focus on family dynamics and how families are similar and how they are different. Please look to your classroom teacher for a specific color of the week.

**PreK Supply Pickup will be Friday, September 25th!**

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Mirando adelante a la semana 4, el equipo de PreK, nuestra unidad de estudio, continúa mirando cómo es el comienzo del año escolar y qué reglas hay en una escuela y con el aprendizaje en línea. Específicamente, nos centraremos en la dinámica familiar y en cómo las familias son similares y cómo son diferentes. Por favor, busque a su maestro de clase para un color específico de la semana.

**La recogida de útiles escolares será el viernes 25 de septiembre!**

**\*No habrá escuela, aprendizaje síncrono o asincrónico el viernes 25 de septiembre.**

## PreK Team/El equipo preescolar



*Ms. Huerta*



*Ms. Barrington*

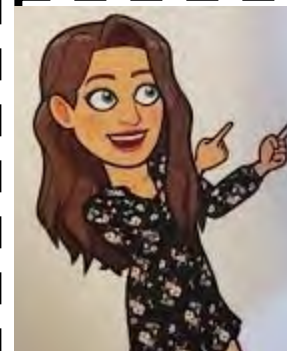
### Paraprofessional

*Erika  
Martinez  
(Ms. Huerta)*

*Marilyn Byrne  
(Ms.  
Barrington)*



*Mrs. Guilde*



*Ms. Jacquat*

*Margaret  
Fleming  
(Mrs. Guilde)*

*Jamie Carbone  
(Ms. Jacquat)*

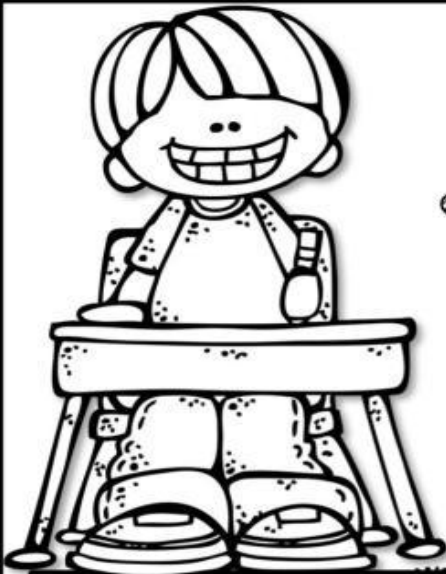




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# *Kindergarten*

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## September News

### Upcoming

Week of September 21st

### ELA/S.S

**Story:** Where is Home, Little Pip?

**Phonemic awareness:**  
syllables, recognition

**Letter focus:** F, G, H, I

**Writing focus:** Narrative writing

### Math & Science

**Math:** Model, Count, Represent, and Write numbers 1-5

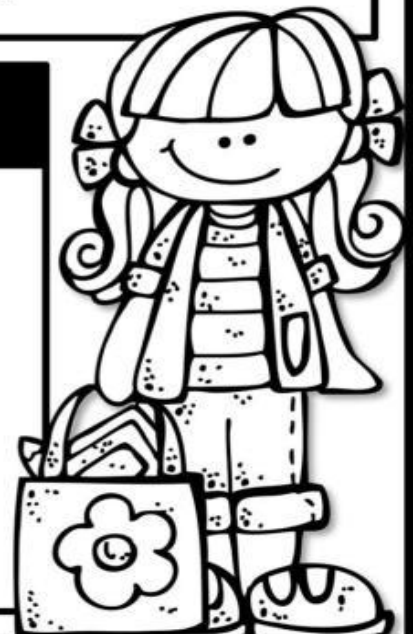
**Science:** How plants and animals meet their needs from their surroundings and the impact humans have on the environment

### Notes from The Kindergarten Team

Theme Thursday: HARRY POTTER

Supply pickup for kindergarten-Thursday 9/25

Have a great weekend!!



## Special Guests



Mr. K. and Ms. Oreluk are meeting all of our classes and will be reading them stories. First grade is excited!!

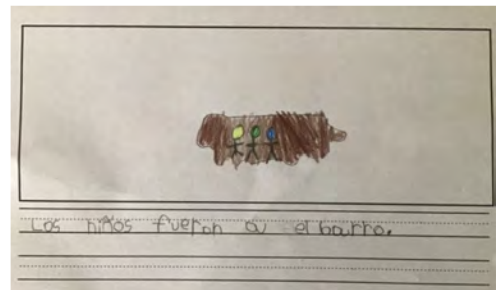


## Reading

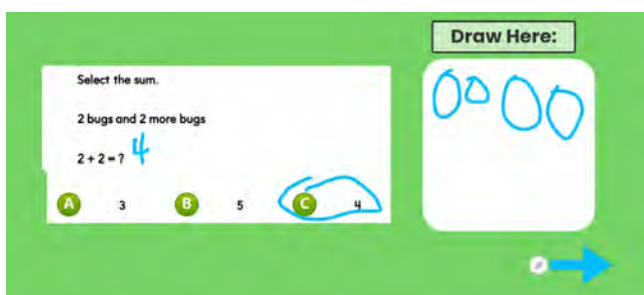


First graders started working on the curriculum this week! We are reading *Stellaluna* and practicing our addition skills! Scan the QR code to hear about reading.

## Writing



## Math

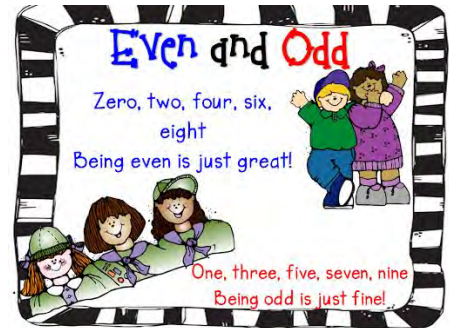


## Projects





## Math



## ELA



## Science

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## Social Emotional Learning

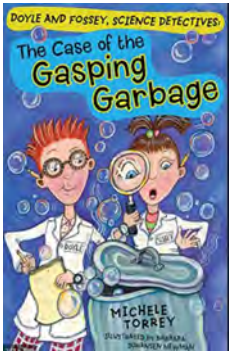
Students are spending all day on their computers, so we have been learning about internet safety and how to make good choices online.



## 3rd Grade News

Every Friday we send out a weekly newsletter. Be sure to read it with your child so you know what to expect for the next week.

In **Reading** we are working on character's motivations and sequencing the story. Ask your child to do our "motivation" and "sequence of events" motion and song..



In **Math** we have been working on rounding to the nearest 10 and hundred. Students have learned a rhyme to make rounding easy - ask them to show you!

***Try a few now! Round to the nearest 10:***

68 \_\_\_\_\_ 45 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_

Each student has been working on their digital science notebook about Life Cycles. They should know both types of metamorphoses



Communication with teachers is always done through Seesaw. Morning announcements can be found in the inbox. Here students will see their special schedule link, google meet link and theme Thursday. Parents can contact during office hours 2:15-3:15







# 4th Grade

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## Social Emotional Learning

Time is devoted daily to your child's social and emotional needs. We have spent a lot of time getting to know one another through class conversations, and even show and tell. We will continue to build community and promote health, safety, and wellness this year.

## Fourth Grade News

Team 4 sends home a weekly newsletter on Fridays, via email and/or Google Classroom. Please check it out! The newsletter this week will have a survey attached so we can get your feedback on Remote Learning 2.0. Thank you in advance for your support.

Still haven't "met" your child's 4th grade teachers?  
Click on the links below to learn more about them!!



**Meet Ms. Graf**  
Click on Bitmoji

**Meet Ms. Sage**  
Click on Bitmoji



**Meet Ms. Pconka**  
Click on Bitmoji

**Meet Ms. Flaherty**  
Click on Bitmoji



**Meet Ms. Gagliano**  
Click on Bitmoji

**Meet Ms. Warren**  
Click on Bitmoji





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# 5th Grade

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## Reading

We are currently reading our first novel, *The Night of the Spadefoot Toads*. Students are able to listen to the novel online. During live instruction we are learning about character traits, theme, details from the text and vocabulary.



Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Knauer  
& Mrs. Aouf

## SEL

Teachers are currently using this time to continue to develop relationships between teachers and students as well as between students and classmates

We will use this time to address Social and Emotional well being. We will also discuss and practice healthy ways to express our emotions and feelings.

All Homeroom Teachers

## Writing



Students are learning about the five main components of Narrative writing including character, setting, plot, conflict & resolution. Students will learn how to create their own narrative story using an online interactive journal!

Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Knauer  
& Mrs. Aouf

## Math

Here is a list of some of the things are students will be working on in the coming week:

- Write and evaluate repeated factors in exponent form.
- Use a basic fact and a pattern to multiply mentally by multiples of 10, 100, and 1,000.
- Multiply by 1-digit numbers
- Multiply by Multi-digit numbers.

Ms. Feiereisel  
& Ms. Pconka, Mr. Fryer



## Science

We are working on our scope: **"ENERGY TRANSFER"**  
Animals and plants alike generally need to take in air and water, animals must take in food, and plants need light and minerals. Food provides animals with the materials they need for body repair and growth and is digested to release the energy they need to maintain body warmth and for motion. Plants acquire their material for growth chiefly from air and water and process matter they have formed to maintain their internal conditions (e.g., at night).

Ms. Feiereisel  
& Mr. Fryer



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# *Specials*

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## **Technology**

K-5 classes continue to learn & expand their Digital Citizenship skills.

5th- Cyberbullying

4th- What's OK/not OK to share online

3rd- Using kind words online

2nd- Protect your private information

1st- How technology makes us feel

K- Pausing technology when you don't want to

**Mrs. Gose**

## **Art**

Kindergarten classes have been working on shapes and lines and sharing their artwork.

1st-3rd are working on silly cities and portraits. They are drawing from a memory. 4th and 5th grade students are working on optical illusion line designs. All students are working hard and learning about the wonder and joy of art.

**Mr. Siegel**

## **Enrichment**

Kindergarten classes have explored and developed ideas for how to be a good friend and teammate.

1st and 2nd grade classes have explored and developed ideas about problem-solving and being part of a community.

Accelerated ELA students have started their first unit, "Childhood," and are currently expanding their annotation and close-reading skills.

Accelerated Math students have started their first unit, "Prime Time," and are finding and using factors and multiples to analyze and solve problems.

**Ms. Fishman**

## **Music**

Kindergarten classes have been learning about the animals on the farm and have been singing songs about each animal! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade have been working on their rhythms, and 4th-5th grade have been learning to sing and play/do motions at the same time.

**Mr. Whittaker**



## **P.E.**

*Kindergarten classes have been working on hopping, skipping, stretching.*

*1st and 2nd have been working on coordination skills for upper and lower body.*

*3rd to 5th grade will Demonstrate control when performing fundamental locomotor skills.*

*All the students are working hard and having fun during the gym class.*

**Mr. Treska**