How to be a Bucket Filler at Kelly Lane Primary School . . .

Kind words and actions
Everyone is included
Laugh and learn together
Let’s be safe at work and play
You can do it!

The adults at Kelly Lane Primary School take time to model and teach children what our bucket filling expectations look like, sound like and feel like at our school. When children show these behaviors we let them know they are filling others buckets and their own. When children misbehave we handle the misbehavior while preserving the child’s dignity. Our first step is to stop the misbehavior quickly and simply. This may be with a brief word or gesture. If needed we take further steps to help the child regain self-control, fix any problems caused by the mistake, and get back to learning.

Teachers and students have created expectations for learning in their classroom. This was accomplished by students sharing their hopes and dreams for the school year and together deciding what type of classroom atmosphere will help them accomplish their goals. Please continue to share your “hopes and dreams” with me for your child’s year at our school.

We at Kelly Lane Primary School strongly believe that children want to and can meet our expectations. We value partnering with parents to help students do their best in school and feel good about coming to school.

Kim Dessart
MESSAGE FROM THE CLINIC

**October is the month to get a flu shot or set up an appointment with your child’s Pediatrician.**

Influenza (“the flu”) is more dangerous for children than the common cold. Each year, many children get sick with seasonal influenza. Some of those illnesses could be serious.

Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Please talk with your child’s pediatrician to discuss this important immunization.

**Attention Parents of Preschoolers:** The state of Connecticut; Dept. of Public Health requires that all preschoolers receive a flu shot prior to Dec. 31st, 2016. *(Please bring proof of immunization to the School Nurse.)*

**Clothing Items** - Please start to pack a change of clothes for your children. Pants and underwear are most helpful to have. The clinic has a small supply of clothes, but may not always have the size your child may need. If you would like to donate any Seasonally Appropriate clothes, we would greatly appreciate it! We can use socks, underwear, pants/leggings/sweatpants and long sleeve shirts.

**BUCKET FILLING BUS EXPECTATIONS**

In the month of October we will celebrate National Bus Safety Awareness Week (Oct. 17-21st). Our All School Community Meeting on Monday, October 17 will be about Bus Safety and will be a time to say thank you to our bus drivers for getting us to and from school safely.

*Please remind children as they get on the bus how to be a bucket filler on the bus. For example, stay in your seat, quiet voices, hand and feet to yourself. Share some “bucket filling” with your bus driver this month!*

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**Storybook Character Day will be celebrated on Monday, October 31st.** All of the Kelly Lane Community will be dressing up like a story book character. Please send your child to school dressed as their favorite book character. Some ideas include: Junie B. Jones, Fancy Nancy, Biscuit, Fly Guy, Jack or Annie from the Magic Tree House. We ask that you send your child to school with the correlating book so they can share it with their classmates. During the school day we will have a school wide parade around the playground to show off our story book characters. Parents are welcome to attend the **Character Parade at 10:00** (on the playground black top).
Preschool News
Our preschoolers have been busy learning all about one another and what it looks like to be a good friend. We have been exploring our new classrooms through centers, song, movement, and fun activities! We have also been learning all about the letters in our names, as well as what it means to be a beginning writer.

Kindergarten News
10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BLAST OFF!
We are launching Readers’ Workshop. Students will begin classroom “book shopping” for books to put into their book bins and . . . our readers will be building “stamina” for their independent reading time.

First Grade News
In 1st grade October is a busy month! Now that we are settled in we are learning how to become strong readers and writers. We are also working on fact fluency as mathematicians.

Second Grade News
We are off to a busy and exciting year in 2nd grade! We have been building our reading stamina with just-right books and writing “small moment,” narrative stories across pages. Fact fluency routines have been established in math and students have been learning strategies to add and subtract within 20. We have also been solving story problems and explaining our mathematical thinking. Our nutrition unit is also underway, with a focus on the five food groups. In the upcoming month, we will concentrate on decoding strategies, reading fluently and being active readers. The students will continue to write narratives, as they work to integrate strategies learned from mentor authors. In math, we will continue to study fact strategies and work on understanding place value to 1,000.
Welcome to a new year in the music room!! The music room is always a busy place as we learn various songs to sing, instruments to play, and fun ways to use our bodies with music. In the music room this year, all grades will be performing, creating, and responding to music. At the end of the school year, each grade will share a music performance with you. Please stay tuned for these dates and performance times. Once I have the times of our performances finalized, I will share them in the Kelly Lane newsletter and they will also be posted on my website.

If you ever have any questions about the music room, please feel to contact me or explore my website.

PE with Mr. Acquaotta

Physical education classes have spent the first few weeks of school learning about cooperation, loco-motor movements, and throwing and catching. In the upcoming weeks our units will consist of scooter skills, fitness, and dance. Please remember to have your child wear sneakers on PE days.

Art with Mrs. Miller and Miss Ransom

Kindergarten Art Students have been creating robots out of shapes. First Grade Art Students have been working with construction paper crayons and painting foreground, middle ground and background for their Kandinsky trees. Second Grade Art Students have been creating drawings inspired by artist Charles Demuth. They have incorporated repetition of numbers and shapes and colored them in warm colors with a cool color background.

Spanish

Spanish instruction is underway in the Kindergarten, First and Second grade classrooms. Spanish greetings such as, “¡Hola!” and “¿Cómo estás?” can be heard by students and staff throughout the building! Students are practicing introducing themselves, expressing how they are feeling, naming colors and counting from one to ten. Learning takes place through a variety of activities, including songs, games, manipulatives and daily routines. Kindergarteners are proud to sing the color song in Spanish! They are also beginning to talk about a favorite topic... “los animals” (the animals). Some favorite new words include “gato” cat and “pez” fish. First graders are beginning to talk about activities such as reading and writing. Some words to celebrate are “libro” book and “papel” paper. Second graders are talking about foods in Spanish, which supports the second grade nutrition unit. Some new words you may hear Second graders use include, “lechuga”, lettuce and “tortilla”. The enthusiasm for World Language learning at Kelly Lane Primary School is “fabuloso!”

Doña Alicia
Have Fun with At Home Reading!

Kids are never too old for read-alouds. Children of all ages benefit from being read to even long after they have learned to read to themselves. Check out the following tips to help create FUNTASTIC reading experiences at home!

**Fun Tip #1: Let kids choose their own books.**
Kids love having some decision making power in their own lives. Let them load up on books that look interesting to them even if it’s not what you would first choose for your at home reading time.

**Fun Tip #2: Go beyond the (traditional) book.**
Do you know that it counts to read an audiobook? Yes, it is listening but here’s why it counts: it builds vocabulary and background knowledge about topics and literary devices. What’s even better, it helps kids find the magic in the story itself. This is the KEY to loving to read and what kids miss when they’re overwhelmed with reading itself.

In addition, check out those magazines, comic books, and graphic novels!

**Fun Tip #3: Create a totally awesome reading area.**
Work with your child to make a reading area he/she will want to hang out in. Think college-dorm cool: rugs, lamps, beanbags, posters. Set the mood for fun. Then bring in the books, and voilà – you’ve created great ambience for reading.

**Fun Tip #4: Try these rule-breaking ideas:**
Allow your frustrated reader to stay up with a super cool new headlamp and a good book.

For reading time, you read to her – instead of the other way around. And maybe even read in your best silly or fancy voice.

Let your child move while reading. Jump on the tramp, sit on an exercise ball, or hula-hoop and read.

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Media Center News

The Media Center has been buzzing with classrooms checking out books, listening to stories, learning about library skills and practicing their mouse and keyboard skills. Each class learned about the rules and procedures in both the computer lab and library. Stop in and see our new books!

The library will still have “open library” from 8:30 -9:00 am every day. If you forgot your book on your library day, it’s okay! Bring it back the next day and return it to the library by 9:00 am and check out a new book.

Second graders will be learning to type! Starting the beginning of October all 2nd grade students will visit the computer lab 2 times a week for 15 minutes to practice typing with a program called “Type to Learn 4”. This program can be downloaded at home for practice too!

Kindergarten has started using ABCMouse in the computer lab. A paper will go home to each Kindergarten student with information on how to access this program at home for free!

**Birthday Books!**
During the week of your child’s birthday they get a special treat in the library- an extra book check out! Make sure they remind the librarian at the desk that it is their birthday.

Check out our Media Center website for more info about:
- Downloading “Type to Learn” at home!
- Search our library collection
- How to volunteer in the Media Center
- Our Computer Lab Start (featuring everything we use in computer lab)

www.kellylanemediacenter.blogspot.com or click on media center from our Kelly Lane website.

Please help your child remember their Media Center day

**Monday:** Sherman, Dumas, Venezia, Diemer, Scully(pm) Richard(pm)
**Tuesday:** Ferreri, Ferrando, Wilken
**Wednesday:** Scully(am), Richard(am), Kibby(K), Buder, Bush
**Thursday:** Katzman, Garofalo, Lecco, Spellman
**Friday:** Sheehan, Kibby(1st), Narciso, Rea, Balgach

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Ms. Hayden
Mrs. Kirk
Ms. Amara
Dear Families,

As the School Psychologist at Kelly Lane Primary School, I will be working closely with students, families, and teachers. Your children know me as “The Helper” at school. They know that there are lots of things I help with: I help kids make friends, I help kids solve problems, I help kids feel safe and happy, I help kids make good choices, and I help kids figure out how they learn the best.

Part of my role at Kelly Lane Primary School is to provide social, emotional, behavioral, and educational support to all students. Throughout this school year, I will be conducting various Friendship Groups, where students will learn how to interact positively with their peers, resolve conflicts, participate effectively in group situations, and respect themselves and those around them.

Students may be chosen by their teacher or a peer to attend Friendship Group. Sessions will be held outside the classroom approximately once a week for six to eight weeks throughout the school year. If your child is chosen to participate in group, I will send you a written notification in his or her take home folder. Please let me know via email if you do not want your child to participate in Friendship Group, so I make sure not to take them from class. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks so much and welcome back to school!

Sincerely,

Lauren Garneau, M.Ed., Ed.S.
School Psychologist, Kelly Lane Primary School

Congratulations to everyone that participated in our summer reading challenge! 78% of our school returned their reading logs and we read 8,898 books! To celebrate we will be holding a Fall Reading Celebration in October. Stay tuned for information about it from your child’s teacher!
Please do not drop your children off before 8:15am. There is no supervision before that time. There is a student drop off area. Students should not be let out of the car until the on-site supervisor is outside at 8:15am. Have your child exit the car on the passenger side close to the curb. The driver should not get out of their car, this causes a back up in traffic. For safety please do not pass cars in the drop off area. Children should not walk through any of the parking lot areas by themselves. Please do not drive through where the buses drop students off in the front of the building. This area is for buses only. Anyone bringing students to school after 8:30 will need to sign them in in the office.

If you plan to pick up your child after school you must write a dated note to the teacher with the first and last name, printed, of your child and their teacher, on the day of the pick up. All pick ups will be dismissed at 3:15. If you child must leave school before 3:15 they must be signed out in the office, please indicate this on the note. All students will be dismissed to parent from the Gymnasium (if it is someone other than a parent this must be indicated on the note). The doors will open at 3:15. Students must be picked up prior to 3:30. Parents should not enter through the front doors of the school during this time. These doors are for students loading the buses at dismissal time.

Start your day off right with one of our Grab and Go breakfast bags!! Try our hot breakfast sandwiches or our warm apple or cherry strudels!

Kids are loving our “Brunch for Lunch” day! In October, get ready for french toast sticks with warm maple syrup, pancakes, turkey sausage and berry yogurt parfaits!

We look forward to a great year serving healthy and delicious meals daily!!

From all of us in the Kelly Lane Kitchen

Thank you to all of our families for supporting Kelly Lane through your purchases at Stop & Shop and Target. In the past, these programs have allowed us to purchase books, classroom supplies, playground and PE equipment. We hope you will continue to think of us while you're shopping by using the following codes.

**Stop & Shop - #5849**

**Target - #38700**
The Common Core for Mathematics contains specific standards for each grade level and eight mathematical practices. The mathematical practices are habits of mind that teachers in Kindergarten through twelfth grade are developing in their students. Correct answers, although important, are not enough to be successful in school or life. Students need to persevere while solving problems, model their thinking, justify their answers and critique the reasoning of others. These mathematical practices help students learn the content and prepare them for success in the 21st century jobs they will hold. Throughout the year, I will highlight each of these practices and offer suggestions to foster these habits of mind at home while your child is doing homework or math related activities.

**Math Practice #1:**

**Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.**

This is probably the hardest mathematical practice. I’m sure you have heard your child say “I can’t do this!” or “This is too hard!” It is difficult to see your child struggle, but Dr. James Stigler writes “when students expend effort to grapple with perplexing problems or make sense of challenging ideas, they engage in a process of productive struggle, effortful practice that goes beyond passive reading, listening, or watching, that builds useful, lasting understanding and skills.” Students should not give up when encountering a problem, but rather, think about similar math problems, or what they have already learned that would help them to solve the current problem. They should try a strategy to solve the problem, and if that doesn’t work, try another strategy.

**How a child can use this mathematical standard:**

I can make my own plan for solving the problem and stick with it even if it is difficult.

I can check the reasonableness of my answer.

I can solve it a second way to make sure I am right!

**Questions for parents to ask:**

What plan can you make to solve this problem?

Can you draw a picture or act out the problem?

What information is in the problem and what are you trying to figure out?

Kelly Lane students participated in our first STEAM project of the year. Students listened to the story *Fall is Not Easy* by Marty Kelly. In this story, a tree finds the fall season hard because the leaves on its tree are not coming out as expected. Some of the illustrations include leaves in the shape and colors of a rainbow, or a jack-o-lantern, or a sign which says “Eat at Joe’s.” The students were then challenged to create a three dimensional tree that stands on its own on a paper plate. Each group was given a paper bag.

**Sumdog**

The district has switched back to the free version of Sumdog and therefore, your child may not be able to play some of the recently released games that they had previously had access to. All first and second grade students will be given school usernames and passwords which will allow them to access the Sumdog website and play fun math games. If your child has not yet received a username and password, you should expect to see it come home over the next few weeks.
Our first month at Kelly Lane Primary School!

Miss Ferreri’s Class Rules

Always Be Safe in School

Be Kind To Others

Be a Great Listener

Make good choices

Our Class Rules

1. Raise your hand to talk
2. Follow directions
3. Keep your hands and feet to yourself
4. Be kind
5. Clean up

By Ms. Narciso’s First Graders

Stephanie, Gabby, Amy, Daniel, Henry, Cassie, ALEX, Kari

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