



**We Need Parent Volunteers for our
Fall Festival you can still Sign up
with your child's teacher**

Chaffee Trail Receives Prestigious Power Library Honor

Our school had the great honor of being awarded the distinction of becoming one of the state's first Florida Power Library Schools. Only 26 schools in the state were designated with this recognition of having a model

21st Century school library, emphasizing collaboration, inquiry-based instruction, and effective management. For an overview of our library program, check out the video on the library website!



Mark Your Calendar November Events

- November 2nd- Mr. Rogers Sweater Drive PTA
- November 3rd - Ronald McDonald Reading Assembly -Early Act Catalog Contest
- November 4th - Early Dismissal
- November 5th - Awards ceremony 1st, 2nd, 3rd
4th grade field trip to Cummer Art Gallery
- November 6th - Awards 4th and 5th grades - Fall Festival 5pm-9pm Join Us!
- November 9th –Picture Retakes
- November 10th– Flag Raising Ceremony 8:30 am Parents Welcome
Early Act Catalog Contest ends
- November 11th - Veterans Day No School
- November 12th –Kg– Healthy Teeth presentation—Food Drive Ends
- November 16th- Vision Screening K-1
- November 17th –Vision Screening 2-5
- November 18th - Early Dismissal
- November 20th - Zoo Fieldtrip 2nd grade - Black Stallion Fieldtrip 4th grade
- November 25th - Weather day - No School
- November 26th & 27th Thanksgiving Holiday

November is Parental Involvement Month. If you would like a State of Florida Parental Involvement calendar please contact Mrs. Doyle at 693-7510



**Fall Festival
November 6th**

Kindergarten

October was a busy month for Kindergarten. We enjoyed two field trips and finished the first nine weeks of school! As we begin November, please continue to read to your child and record the books in their book logs. As you read, talk with your child about what happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Did they like the story? Why or why not? Can they retell a familiar story? In Writers Workshop, we will begin writing How To books. Ask your child to tell you the steps to perform an everyday activity such as: making a sandwich, getting ready for school, brushing their teeth, etc. As your child writes stories for the homework, please encourage them to write down each letter sound they hear. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

First Grade

Welcome to the second nine weeks of school! All beginning of the year testing has been completed and we are well on our way to meeting first grade standards for reading, writing, math, science and social studies. Our students are reading every day and learning the comprehension strategies of summarizing, main idea, asking questions and making predictions to better understand a story. They are also learning to use *author's craft* in their writing as they continue to improve their own stories. We will be choosing a favorite piece to polish (publish) and add to our writing portfolios very soon. In math, our students are working with combinations of ten and beginning to use and record strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems. We are also beginning to work with numbers to 100. Your child will be practicing writing these numbers, as well as, noticing patterns on a 100 chart. We are finishing our study of *Forces and Motion* in science and will soon begin learning about *Earth and Space*. November 5th will be our first Awards Ceremony and we look forward to recognizing our students for all of their good habits and hard work. Please try to join us for this special event. Thank you

Second Grade

The first nine weeks of second grade have flown by. In writing, we are continuing personal narratives. Your child will be expected to have a beginning, middle and end with details and dialogue. In math we are starting our Geometry unit. We will be exploring shapes, angles, flips, slides and turns. At the end of the unit, your child should be able to classify shapes by angles, sides and other geometrical properties. In reading, we're still in the Nature Walk unit. We will complete lessons on classifying and categorizing before moving on to this benchmark. With all the fall holidays, it gets very exciting for children. Please remind your child that we will be learning something new everyday. Don't forget to turn in money for the zoo trip (\$3) by November 20th if you have not done so already.

Third Grade

Third grade continues to Surf to Success during the month of November! In reading this month, we are continuing Theme 2, "Celebrating Traditions". Targeted comprehension strategies and skills include monitor and clarify, main idea and supporting details, and understanding trickster tales. Students should continue to read 30 minutes nightly and turn in a book response every Friday. In writing, students are continuing to work with the narrative genre. We will begin Report writing at the end of the month. During math this month, students are finishing up the "Flips, Turns, and Area" unit. We will begin "Landmarks in the 100's" soon. Please have your child continue to review and memorize multiplication facts. In Science, we are finishing our learning about matter and we will begin working on the water cycle next. Finally, in Social Studies, we will begin learning about ancient civilizations in history. We appreciate your support and look forward to a fantastic month!

Fourth Grade

Our new reading theme will be "America's Stories". We are finish the narrative writing genre. We will be learning about the Europeans coming to Florida in social studies. Our next science topic is electricity and magnetism. In Math, students are working in their Different Shapes Equal Pieces book which covers fractions and area. The next book will be The Shape of Data which covers graphing.



Fifth Grade

For the month of November, students will be completing an in-depth study of biographies and poetry in Reader's and Writer's Workshops. Students will also begin Report writing. Students have been given a list of web resources, which are a safe way to search for information on the internet. Look for the sheet given to students titled: CHAFFEE TRAIL ON-LINE RESOURCES to access these subscription-based web resources from home. Students who wish to participate in the November Sunshine State Young Readers Award book club luncheon will need to read *The Fabled Fourth Grader's of Aesop Elementary School AND/OR Igraine the Brave* by the end of the month. In math, students will be investigating fractions, decimals and percents. In Social Studies we will study events that lead to the American Revolution. Students will continue to explore the different types of energy in Science.

* We will like to give a huge thank you for all parents who were able to come to our 5th Grade Parent Night.

Empty Bowls

For the third year Chaffee Trail students have created handcrafted clay bowls in art class to donate to the Empty Bowl Project. The Empty Bowls Luncheon is an annual fundraiser sponsored by Lutheran Social Services to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Florida. Each year two student representatives attend with Mrs. Woodlief. A meager meal of soup, bread, water and fruit is served to represent the food a hungry person might have everyday. This is one way the students of Chaffee Trail are encouraged to give back to the community.



Quilt Contest

For the third year students of Chaffee Trail have created a beautiful quilt based on the Superintendent's Book of the Month and submitted to a contest at the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair. This year the book is "The Sunsets of Miss Olivia Wiggins," a story about the thoughts of a great grandmother who has dementia. The quilt team worked hard after school each day

painting and stitching this years creation. We have been honored for the past three years with awards and hope that we can bring home a prize again. You can help us accomplish that by attending the fair and voting for our quilt. It will be exhibited in Exhibit Hall "A" just beyond the livestock. The fair runs from November 4th through the 15th.

