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Dates to Remember

December 2nd – Food and Gift Drive Begins

December 10th – Holiday Concert at 11:05am and 6:00pm

December 13th – Last day of Food and Gift Drive

December 21st to January 5th Holiday Break

Dear Seneca Families:

The receiving of the Progress Report is an excellent time for parents, students and teachers to set goals for the rest of the school year. It also can be a time of apprehension. I encourage everyone to use the progress report as a positive learning experience. Please consider the following three suggestions:

PREPARATION- talk with your child before they receive the report card. What will be the areas of strength? Reassure your child if he or she is nervous about a certain grade.

PERSPECTIVE- the progress report is a summary of where students are to date. There will be more in the future. A child who gets all A's still has plenty to learn. A child who receives weaker grades still has plenty of strengths for which to be proud.

POSITIVE ACTION- think of the progress report as an opportunity to take positive action. Find something to praise (attendance, attitude, improvement, academic success). Then focus on areas where improvement can occur. Ask how you can help. Focus on achieving to your child's potential.

Don't forget to check out the calendar for all the events coming this month.

'Working Together for Success'



A **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to our School Council in providing all students with an amazing Harvest Dinner. The dedication and support of this group keeps the **GREAT** things that happen at Seneca!

SUCCESS for Every Student

How can you bring numbers into conversations with your children?

- Notice and talk about numbers on signs (speed limits, distances, addresses, 911 numbers)
- Engage young children in counting (toys they are playing with, pieces of food on their plate)
- Refer to the calendar, number of days until an event, weeks, months?
- Discuss weather predictions, temperatures
- Discuss sport statistics, numbers in video games, baking measurements, costs of items - tax
- Encourage older students to read decimals using quantity; ie. 1.2 is (one and two tenths), 0.004 (four one hundredths)

Happy
Holidays!

All the staff at Seneca would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday. Remember the 3R's to survive the holidays. Relax and enjoy time with family. Reflect on those less fortunate (if you can, please donate a canned good or any non-perishable item). Rejuvenate the mind body and soul.

Kindness & Compassion Begin with Me!

If we could really look around, and look into another's heart, we would treat each other gently, and with us it always starts.

To show compassion to someone, a smile goes a long way, just a simple thing it's true, but how it brightens someone's day!

It's how we build a better school, treating others with kindness and care, being a friend to everyone, and always being there.

If everyone would show more kindness and practice it every day, there is no telling what might happen, if we think about the words we say, we want kindness and compassion for everyone, for that is right you see, so we say remember this...

Compassion begins with ME!!!

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop

Prior Knowledge/Making Connections

What is it?

When we make connections to the stories we read we are relating the events, feelings or ideas in the story to our own life, to another book we have read or to the world around us, therefore helping us to better understand what we are reading.

At Home:

- Have your child tell his/her personal stories after reading a book.
- Encourage making connections, between the story and special things in his/her house, pets, family members, vacations, etc.
- Encourage your child to talk about his/her feelings and memories.

At School:

- Think about an experience you had that was like the one in the text.
- Think about a time when you felt like the person in the text.
- Think about what you already know for sure about what you are reading.
- Think about other things you have read that are like this text.



Seneca's Eco Club...

This year the Eco club has some great ideas! We are having events to help the environment. Such as...

- **wacky sweater day** (so we don't have to turn on heaters)
- **lights out lunch** (LOL)
- **litter less lunches**
- **energy hogs** (stickers to remind you to turn off lights when your class leaves the classroom, or your class will receive an energy hog)







We are also having Eco friendly fun facts on the announcements. We hope you can be a part of all the Eco events! ☺

For more information, visit our Eco bulletin board.

SUCCESS for Every Student



SENECA IN DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Food and Gift Drive Starts  FOOD DRIVE	3 	4	5	6 Colour House Day! Int. Girls Volleyball	7
8	9 Candy Grams sold all week 50 cents each 	10 	11 ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT 11:05AM and 6:00PM Please support our Food Drive and donate a can good!	12	13 Red & Green Day! Co-ed Jr. Volleyball Last Day of Food and Gift Drive	14
15	16	17 	18	19	20 PAJAMA DAY! 	21 Christmas Break Starts Have a wonderful and safe Christmas Season. See you back at school January 6, 2020!
22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25 Merry Christmas	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School
29 No School	30 No School	31 	<i>Grand Erie...</i> Strong Values Character Attributes Compassion			

