

# KEMP'S NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**9/17:** MAP Testing

**9/19:** 1/2 Day

**9/20:** Mrs. Kemp out all day for a conference

**9/21:** \$1 Hat Day

**9/24:** Mobile Dentist/Mrs. Kemp out all day for testing

**9/25:** Mobile Dentist

**9/28:** Community Knight

## \$1 Hat Day

Our first \$1 Hat Day is Friday, September 21st! For this \$1 Hat Day, the third grade class would like to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) of West Michigan. The third grade class has decided to choose this organization because Ms. DeYoung's (other speech and language pathologist) student assistant was chosen by LLS to be their "Honored Hero!" Miss Heeringa, a Calvin College student, is a Kenowa Hills graduate and leukemia survivor. She is now raising money for the purpose of wiping out blood cancer. If your child would like to wear a hat on Friday, September 21st and support LLS, please send in a dollar! Please note that any hats that become a distraction will be asked to be put in the child's backpack.

## ACADEMIC OUTLOOK

**Math:** Partners

**Phonics:** Review of Kindergarten

**Reading:** Good Fit Books

**Red Words:** was, he, to

**Science:** Plants & Animals

**Writing:** Ideas

## Parent Pick-Up

Please don't forget that if you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please head to the new parent pick-up loop! Don't forget to place a sign in your passenger side window that includes your last name and child(ren)'s name(s) and teacher(s). We are not able to let students cross between cars to the parent parking lot, so please do not park in the parking lot and wait for your child.

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### HOMEWORK

Lesson: 1-4 & 1-5

\*\*Homework is due by the following Friday!

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/2: Gabriel

10/11: Lynette

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### WEBSITE

Check it out!

[kkemp-kenowa.weebly.com](http://kkemp-kenowa.weebly.com)

## Reading Testing

I am starting to test all of the students on their reading. For reading testing, we use a program called "Fountas & Pinnell." This is a very reliable and highly recognized program for figuring out students' reading levels. This in-depth test also gives us a lot of information about the students' fluency and comprehension. The students will be given a reading level, which is a letter, and they will be working on reading those books and building their comprehension and fluency skills. In first grade, students will be tested four times a year, and by the end of the year, we would like all students to be reading a Level J or higher. We have a lot of learning to do to make this happen! Once I finish testing all of the students, your child will begin bringing a Book Bag home to be read every night. These Book Bags are a very important part of your child's learning and education. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding Book Bags in a future newsletter.

## Half Day Information

We have our first 1/2 day of school on Wednesday, September 19th! Please know that the students will still eat lunch on these days. However, our lunch choices look a bit different. Your child will choose from "Yes-School Lunch" or "No-Brought Lunch." If your child is getting a lunch from the school, they will choose "Yes." If your child is bringing a lunch or eating at home, they will choose "No."

We also have some 1/2 days where we will be implementing a flipped schedule, which means the students who have specials in the afternoon (that's us!!) will have them in the morning. The following is the list of 1/2 days:

Wed., Sept. 19th: Normal  
 Wed., Oct. 17th: Flipped  
 Wed., Nov. 14th: Normal  
 Wed., Dec. 19th: Flipped  
 Thurs., Dec. 20th: Flipped  
 Fri., Dec. 21st: Normal

Wed., Jan. 23rd: Normal  
 Wed., March 6th: Flipped  
 Fri., March 15th: Flipped  
 Wed., April 24th: Normal  
 Wed., May 8th: Flipped  
 Fri., May 24th: Normal

We also have a 1/2 day on June 6th, 7th, and 8th, but those do not affect specials.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Our school policy for birthday treats is "Treats we can't eat." If you are planning on sending in a treat for your child's birthday, please make sure it is not edible. If it is, I will have to send it back home. If you need treat ideas, please feel free to email!

### BOX TOPS

Make sure you are collecting Box Tops! Send in your collected Box Tops in a baggie with your child's name and count on it!

### VOLUNTEER

We would love to have you help us out! We will especially need help once Book Bags start coming home! Here is the link to sign up to volunteer to listen to Book Bags:

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 www.signupgenius.com/  
 go/4090848aba92eabfc1-  
 book](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090848aba92eabfc1-book)