



Knowledge From My Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

My dad turns 79 tomorrow and we will gather as a family to have dinner and cake. I am looking forward to a fun evening. Through many different experiences and for a long time, I have realized I was given special people to be my parents. They have taught, modeled, disciplined, guided, supported, and loved me for 47 years. I am so blessed that I continue to have the opportunity to learn from them. Here is just a sample of my knowledge gained from my parents:

- Make sure your gas tank is at least a quarter filled.
- Have \$20 in your wallet.
- If you lock your keys in the car, don't break a window. Ask for help.
- It is ok to have a quiet space.
- Your miss at the end of the basketball game didn't cause the lost for your team. There were at least 30 shots during the game that you and your teammates could have made to give your team victory.
- Your tone in your voice matters.
- There are so many other words in the English language you can use instead of those curse words.
- Actions speak louder than words.
- Most friends will come and go, but family is forever.
- Giving to others is important.
- Your character will be with you for the rest of your life.
- If you didn't cook the dinner, get up and help with the clean up.
- Once you give your word on something, you follow through.
- If you are on time, you are late.
- In a relationship, don't go to bed angry at each other.
- Make sure you laugh throughout your day.
- Bring donuts to camp if you arrive before 10:00 a.m.

I have this saying in my office that reads:

Live so that
when your children
hear these words
they think of you...

Fairness
Caring
Integrity
Honesty
Love
Trust

Well, Mom and Dad, all I can say is, "Well done, you earned them all!" Happy Birthday, Dad, and Mom, you are the glue that holds us all together. To my DES families, I know that many of you are passing along this same knowledge to your children. Keep up the amazing work! Have a great weekend!

What's Happening in Kindergarten?

Fall Recap!

Candy Corn Counting!



Healthy Halloween Snacks!

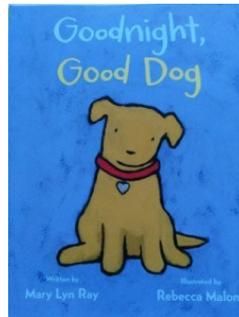
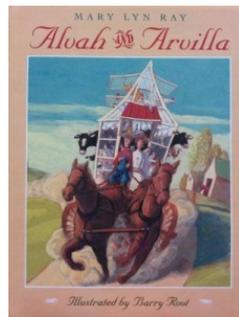


Pumpkin Painting!



December 1st

On Tuesday we had a very special guest reader, Mary Lyn Ray. She is a local author that has published many children's picture books. She spent some time with Kindergarten and First Grade and read them two of her newest stories.



"Mary Lyn Ray is a conservationist and author of several picture books for children. Ray's texts are often praised for their lyricism and emotional depth, and in her works she frequently focuses on human-kind's relationship with nature. Among her critically acclaimed titles are *Pumpkins*, *Shaker Boy*, and *Welcome, Brown Bird*."

HENRY-The Elf on the Shelf

First thing in the morning, while the students were reading on the rug, Connor noticed a special package hiding in the book bin! It was a present from the North Pole! We decided that we should wait for everyone to arrive before opening. After a class vote, we decided Hailey, the Calendar Helper, should open the gift! It was our very own classroom Elf on the Shelf! We read the story and gave our boy elf the name Henry.

We put our elf box on the shelf and went to deliver the attendance and lunch count. When we came back Henry flew out of the box and was sitting on the shelf!!! We are working really hard on great behavior so that Henry can report back to the North Pole!

Newfound Nutrition

Lunch Menu Week of Dec 7-11, 2015

Monday

Toasted PBJ
Chicken & Rice Soup
Garden Salad
Carrots & Fruit Salad
Assorted Fruit

Tuesday

Teriyaki Chicken & Rice
Oriental Veggies
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Wednesday

Mac N Cheese
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Thursday

Grilled Ham & Cheese
Pasta Salad
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Friday

Pizza
Garden blend Veggies
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Breakfast \$1.25
(reduced \$0.30)
Lunch \$2.50
(reduced \$0.40)
Milk \$0.35

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From the Guidance Office

The first progress notes are out, Thanksgiving has passed, and now we are moving into the promise of a beautiful New England Winter. Positive Attitude!! I live on the side of a mountain and winter has always been a challenge. Having a Positive Attitude got me through those long months and is a character trait I work to keep year round.

During the month of December, the DES guidance classes will focus on character, the way we think, feel, and behave. From able and accepting to witty and wise. Through many different types of activities, books, and lively chats, we will work to discover more about character and answer many questions. The questions will include: What are character traits?, What character traits best describe me?, How important are my character traits to me and to my community? How can people tell which traits are important to me?

While answering these questions, we will also recognize diversity. The value of being different and of showing our character and values in our own unique way. Along with diversity, we will blend in responsibility. Who is responsible for the character traits we are proud of and want to have as an important part of our lives? As parents we are always teaching our children values and nurturing important character traits. Now, our children begin to take on the responsibility of trying those character traits on for size in school, at home, and in the community. They are sorting through, in a more deliberate way, how to communicate what is important to them with their thoughts, actions, and choices.

As always, your children continue to impress me with their insights to share, desire to learn, and energy to burn throughout the day!

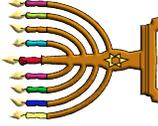
Hoping you all have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Mrs. Connor



Danbury Elementary

December 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6  | 7 | 8 PTO Meeting 4:30pm | 9 | 10 | 11 PTO Family Christmas Event 5-7:30pm | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21  | 22 | 23 Sing-Along 11:30am Early Dismissal Noon | 24 Holiday Recess | 25  | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 See you January 4th! | | |