

# The Lion's Roar

Tate Woods Elementary  
School

Dear Families,

Thank you for a great first trimester. We are excited to meet with you during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Nov 21st and 22nd. These meetings allow us to continue our collaborative relationship in educating your children. We ask that you register for conferences electronically again this year. You will receive a letter in this newsletter telling you the open registration dates and times. If you have difficulty registering, please feel free to call the Tate Woods office at 630-493-8050 and we'll be happy to help you. We place a very high value on meeting with each and every family and set our goal at 100% attendance. We appreciate your help in reaching this goal.

Tate Woods continues with our focused efforts on teaching and modeling pro-social skills with students. Pro-social skills are imbedded into our curriculum through our interactive read-aloud program, Making Meaning. This program is utilized in all classrooms K-5. We also provide direct instructional lessons monthly aligned with the five social emotional competencies. These include:

**Self-Awareness**-identifying your own emotions and having a sense of self-confidence

**Social Awareness**- having empathy and appreciating and respecting others

**Self-Management**-handling stress, setting goals, controlling impulses, and self-discipline

**Relationship Skills**-communicating with others and working cooperatively with others

**Responsible Decision Making**-identifying problems and analyzing their role in solving them

The focus on foundational academics continues to be our priority here at Tate Woods. Together, with our colleagues in Kindergarten at Schiesher, we prepare our youngest learners to be outstanding readers, writers and mathematicians. In this newsletter, we've provided resources such as "Supporting Your Beginning Reader" and "What Families Can Do: Ideas to Help Your Child Succeed in and Enjoy Mathematics". We hope that these resources will continue to support the work you are doing at home to help your child be successful. We value the partnership we have with you and your family as we all work to provide the best education possible to our students. Thank you for your commitment to your child and Tate Woods.

We wish you a wonderful November.

Love and Hug One Another,

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**NO SCHOOL**

**There will be  
NO SCHOOL**

**on**

**Nov 11th**

**Nov 22-25th**

**EARLY  
DISMISSAL**

**At 1:00pm**

**on Monday,**

**November 21st**

**(lunch will be  
served as  
usual)**



## Nursing Notes

Cold weather safety is important to keep in mind at this time of the year as the weather turns colder. Students at Tate Woods do go outside for recess as long as the wind chill temperature is above 0 degrees Fahrenheit. In order to be more comfortable and to guard against frostbite, help remind children to dress appropriately for the weather. The parts of the body most affected by frostbite are exposed areas of the face, ears, hands and feet. The following are suggestions to protect your child from excessive heat loss:

Wear layers of lightweight clothing. Layers act as insulation.

Cover the head with a hood or hat. As much as 50% of body heat is lost through the head.

Wear mittens or gloves. Mittens tend to keep hands warmer.

Wear warm leg coverings and heavier weight socks.

Wear waterproof boots and snow pants if there is any snow on the ground. Children can play on the blacktop only if they are not wearing appropriate winter clothing items when snow is on the ground.

Cover the lower part of the face with a scarf to protect the lungs from directly inhaling extremely cold air and to help prevent frostbite to the chin.

To help with illness prevention at this time of the year, HSO volunteers, Nickey Brummel, Mary Ebert and Michele Gansberg, conducted the Scrubby Bear hand washing program on Monday, October 24 for the first and second grade students at Tate Woods. Thanks to the volunteers who made this program possible and provided a valuable hands-on demonstration for the students about the difference good hand washing makes towards prevention of illness.

## Making the Most of Parent-Teacher Conferences

We look forward to welcoming you to Parent-Teacher Conferences later this month. The purpose of conferences is for the teacher and parents to meet to discuss how you can both help your child do his or her very best in school. Just as the teachers prepare for conferences, here are some ideas that can assist parents as they prepare for conferences as well:

### 1. Talk to your child before the conferences.

Ask your child what he/she would like you to discuss at the meeting. Ask your child, "what will your teacher tell me about you?"

### 2. Ask Questions

Come to the conference with a few questions regarding your child's academic and social progress. These could include:

- What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?
- What can I do at home to help my

child?

- Is my child working up to his/her ability? Can I help with this in any way?
- How does my child get along with his/her classmates?

### 3. Share information about your child

Parents and teachers are a team, but no one knows your child better than you. Share any information you feel would help the teacher better educate your child.

### 4. Make the most of your time with the teacher.

Conferences are scheduled for 15 minutes. Make the most of your meeting by arriving on time. Try to bring only adults to the meeting in order to limit distractions.

### Follow Up:

Start immediately on the action plan you

have built with your child's teacher. Having a focused plan and remaining positive is a wonderful way to assist your child in making academic and social progress in school. Talk with your child about the conference and let them know the positive things they are contributing to their classroom. This helps boost self-esteem and confidence in what your child is already doing well in the classroom.

The collaboration between home and school is very important and we value that relationship. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance or bring up areas of strength or improvement at Tate Woods.

Conferences Held at TW:

Mon, Nov 21st 2-9

Tues, Nov 22nd 8-11:30am

**Conferences will be  
scheduled online this  
year.**

# READING MATTERS...

Thank you to the many families that attended our Birthday Party themed family reading night in October. Research shows that reading together as a family increases reading skills in children. Read with your child or to your child, it matters not. Modeling reading as an adult is also a great way to get kids reading. At first and second grade, our students still want to “follow the leader” when parents are participating in activities. We encourage you to keep reading everything around you.

Take time to visit a local book store or our wonderful Lisle Public Library. There are great programs and activities at these locations along with many choices of great books.

Museums are also great places to read together. Slow down and read the informational signage. There are many wonderful things to see and READ at your local museums. Enjoy!

Reading at home makes a difference. Please consider these Reading Homework Tips for Parents as you work with your children at home.

## READING HOMEWORK TIPS FOR PARENTS

- **Have your child read aloud to you every night.**
- **Choose a quiet place, free from distractions, for your child to do his nightly reading assignments.**
- **As your child reads, point out spelling and sound patterns such as *cat, pat, hat*.**
- **When your child reads aloud to you and makes a mistake, point out the words she has missed and help her to read the word correctly.**
- **After your child has stopped to correct a word he has read, have him go back and reread the entire sentence from the beginning to make sure he understands what the sentence is saying.**
- **Ask your child to tell you in her own words what happened in a story.**
- **To check your child's understanding of what he is reading, occasionally pause and ask your child questions about the characters and events in the story.**
- **Ask your child why she thinks a character acted in a certain way and ask your child to support her answer with information from the story.**
- **Before getting to the end of a story, ask your child what he thinks will happen next and why.**

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### Social Emotional Learning Mission Statement

Lisle Community Unit School District 202 will educate our students through proactive and purposeful efforts in a healthy, safe, nurturing and empowering learning environment in collaboration with parents and community members. We want our students to acquire pro-social and academic skills which support the development of respectful, responsible decision making citizens contributing positively to our society.

## **Social and Emotional Learning in the Classroom: What's Happening in November?**

### **First Grade**



Last month, first graders learned twelve feelings vocabulary words. They learned to identify their own feelings by listening to their bodies. In addition, they identified situations that trigger each of the twelve feelings and shared these reflections with each other. Children learned that sometimes different people feel the same about a situation, and at other times, they feel differently about the same situation. Once students are able to identify emotions within themselves, they are able to take the first step in appropriately managing these emotions. This month, first grade students will learn the steps to managing uncomfortable emotions. Students will practice identifying healthy and unhealthy ways to express their uncomfortable feelings. Healthy ways are manners in which one expresses feelings that don't hurt one's self or anyone else, while unhealthy ways are ways that hurts one's self or others. Students will learn and practice the following healthy strategy to use when experiencing uncomfortable emotions:

1. Count to Ten (Distract)
  2. Take 3 Deep Breaths (Relax)
- Think About the Situation in a Way that Makes You Feel Better or Solves the Problem (Cope)

(Curriculum Used: *Strong Start*; SEL Standard: 1A)

### **Second Grade**



Last month, second graders learned how to use positive self-talk in the face of adversity. By learning how to think positively about themselves and the situations in which they find themselves, they are able to manage their uncomfortable feelings and persevere in challenging circumstances. Each student was also asked to identify one person of support who could help them think positively about themselves. This month, second graders are building upon the skill of asking for help. Students who are able to ask for help are proven to have more academic efficacy than their counterparts (Ryan, Gheen, & Midgley, 1998). Thus, second grade students will identify problems that require help and problems that can be independently solved. Students will also learn four questions to ask themselves before initiating a request for help from an adult. These questions are:

- What do I need?
- Who should I ask?
- When should I ask so I don't interrupt?
- How can I ask in a friendly way?

# No Matter the Season...Books Make a GREAT GIFT!!!



Looking for that special gift for a teacher for the holidays or a way to recognize your child's birthday or maybe a friend's birthday? You can donate a book in honor of any of these recipients to the Tate Woods LRC. All books are \$15.00. You can send the \$15.00 in cash or check made out to Tate Woods School at any time during the school year (attention Mrs. Bauman-Book Donation Program).

You can accompany your child (if you wish) to pick out a book from the display by the circulation counter. We will place a label in the book honoring your special recipient. Your child will also have an opportunity to share their special donation with the class.

The book will be cataloged and become a permanent part of our collection.

Please contact me if you have any questions.



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# Tate Woods Art Corner

## Art, Art Everywhere...

Student art work from Tate Woods is currently on display in the district board room for the month of November. This is a great opportunity for the school board and other visitors to the Lisle district offices to see the wonderful art work being produced by our first and second grade students.



## Volunteers Decorate Our Halls...

Our building is bursting with fall art. Thank you to Carrie O'Connor and Laura Tchakanakis for helping to hang the many pieces of art. You can see Picasso inspired witches by second graders, collaged pumpkins by first graders and colorful Indian corn by Pre-K displayed in the main hall by the office and in the library.

## Artsonia Finalist...

Rey Kast was selected as a finalist for Artsonia's "Artist of the Week" award for the PreK-3rd age group for the week of October 17th. Rey will receive a certificate which acknowledges him as one of the finalists for his drawing of a fall leaf. Thank you to all who voted for Rey's art work and for helping us celebrate the creativity of our students!

## **FALL AND WINTER WEATHER IS ON THE WAY...**

In our continuous effort to keep the children at Tate Woods healthy, we offer these reminders:

1. Dress for the weather. This time of year can have cool mornings and warmer afternoons and the weather can fluctuate quickly. Please send a jacket or sweatshirt with your children or dress them in layers. They can always take off a layer if necessary.
2. LABEL EVERYTHING PLEASE. Many of our students have the same coat/lunchbox/item as other kids. Please label so we can get lost things to their owner. Thank you.
3. **Please purchase snow pants and boots for your child for this coming winter. Each year we have a longer and longer line outside our nurse's office with students requesting snow pants and boots so that they can play in the snow. We simply are not able to meet the needs of everyone. If your child wants to play in the snow, please keep this in mind as you are purchasing items for winter. If possible, an extra pair of boots and snow pants that could be left at school would be a good idea.**
4. Please encourage your children to wash their hands as often as possible. The best way to stay healthy is to wash hands often and extremely well.

Thank you so much for your help as we prepare for colder weather!



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Hearty thanks goes out to all of our room moms and dads who made the Halloween parties enjoyable for our Tate Woods students. These events are memories being made for our little ones and we appreciate all your hard work to make them special memories.

We appreciate all of our parents who helped make the parties fun by following our guidelines and attending our parade.

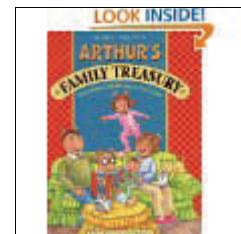
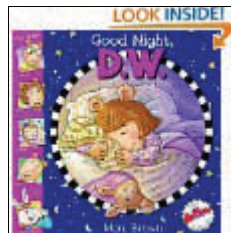
Welcome back to Mrs. Wiertel. We are excited to welcome her back to second grade and wish she and Mr. Wiertel the best as they raise their second child, Grace!

Thank you to Mrs. Tara Dooley who did a beautiful job filling in for Mrs. Wiertel during the first two months of school. We will continue to see Mrs. Dooley around the halls of Tate Woods as she continues to substitute teach in our building as needed.

**Important Dates in November**

<b>November 6th</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>
<b>November 6th</b>	<b>Holiday Craft Fair at LSHS/11am-3pm</b>
<b>November 9th</b>	<b>LEHSO Mtg @ SES @ 9:15</b>
<b>November 11th</b>	<b>No School-Veterans Day</b>
<b>November 10th</b>	<b>End of 1st Trimester</b>
<b>November 10th</b>	<b>Ceramics Night @ LSH 6-9pm</b>
<b>November 14th</b>	<b>Board of Educ Mtg @ 7:30</b>
<b>November 14-18</b>	<b>Amer. Educ. Week</b>
<b>November 18th</b>	<b>TW Report Cards Home</b>
<b>November 21st</b>	<b>1:00pm Dismissal</b>
	<b>2-9 P/T Conferences</b>
<b>November 22nd</b>	<b>No Student Attendance</b>
	<b>8-11:30am P/T Conferences</b>
<b>November 24-26</b>	<b>No School-Thanksgiving</b>

**November's Featured Author**



**Marc  
Brown**

Look for these great  
books and others  
from our  
November featured author.

