Welcome to the first fall edition of our family newsletter! Our 33 days of school have been jam-packed with standard and new protocols! We are thrilled to have students settled back into regular schedules and remain focused on doing what is best for kids academically, socially, and emotionally!

Beginning of year assessments are completed, we have enjoyed our first outdoor assembly, squeezed in a picture day, and celebrated the Week of Respect and more. As always, we appreciate the partnership we share with families to ensure we are learning-focused and meeting the needs of each student. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the staff and me with questions or concerns. Enjoy our 33 days in words, pictures, and video.

Ms. Adams

REACHING HIGH FOR 183 DAYS OF AWESOME!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- October 20 - 27 - Thanksgiving Drive for Franklin Food Bank
- October 26 - Interim Progress Reports are available for viewing in Genesis
- October 18 - 31 - Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
- October 28 - Halloween Parade - New Date - Same Time
- October 28 - G.A.G.O.R - Boooook-By
- Now through October 31st - Scholastic Book Fair (online) https://www.scholastic.com/bf/macafeeroadschool2
- November 4-5 School Closed - NJEA Convention
- November 8-18 - Coat Drive
- November 18 - Make up Picture Day
- November 25 - 26 - Thanksgiving Recess - School Closed
- November 29 - 30 - Minimum Session Days for Parent-Teacher Conference
ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Thank you families for your cooperation as we adjusted our dismissal procedures to assure the safety of our students when they dismiss at the end of the school day.

PRE-K PLAYGROUND OPEN!

Our prekindergarten playground is now open. Lots of movement with features that will support a range of physical skills; it is another excellent way to make friends, learn, play and enjoy the outdoors.
ICE CREAM SOCIAL WELCOMES MACAEE FAMILIES

The ice cream social was a hit. Many of our new and returning families came together to enjoy a summer evening of togetherness, fun, and delicious ice cream. Thanks for supporting this tradition.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY - 16 DAYS OF AWESOME!

On Friday, October 1st, our students celebrated their first 16 days of awesome at MacAfee Road School! Led by our counselor, Mr. Haskins, the students were engaged in some games and we all closed with a wonderful sing-along!! Click the photo below to watch the video!!!
FALL INTO SOME GOOD BOOKS!

Now, through October 31st, fall into some great books during our Scholastic Book Sale. There are a large assortment of books that you can purchase online for your student. MacAfee school benefits from your participation! Thank you MacAfee PTO for running our virtual book fair. Link: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/macafeeroadschool2

SUPPORT OUR I-READY STARS!
DONATE TO OUR KID WISH LIST

As an incentive for completing and passing i-Ready lessons our students created a wish list of items they would like as prizes. Support our students for being great scholars. Visit our school website to watch a short video about iReady, see how students want us to celebrate their effort and growth and if you can, make a donation to the cause.

SHOP AMAZON "SMILE" TO SUPPORT MACAFFEE SCHOOL

Families - when shopping on Amazon, use "Amazon Smile". Every time you shop, MacAfee School earns a contribution based on your purchase.
THE MACAFEE FAMILY MINUTE

UNITY DAY WAS A SUCCESS!
We wore orange to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

CHUCK E. CHEESE VISITS MACAFEE TO PROMOTE OUR 1ST PTO FUNDRAISER!

BOOST YOUR CHILD’S MATH SUCCESS!

• Ask them what they learned in math class.
• Ask them what vocabulary words and strategies they learned in math class for the day/week. Have them model this strategy for you and explain their thinking. Math may look different.
• Approach word problems together.
• Suggest that your child reads a problem aloud, repeat, visualize and draw a picture of each problem.
• Encourage them to write clearly & neatly.
• Tracing letters or writing on graph paper will improve their number writing.
• Math problems can have many steps; it is important to keep your work and models clear and neat.
• Explain how math applies to real-life situations.
• Challenge them to help you solve the math problems you encounter when you’re out together, such as figuring out how many apples to buy or calculating change—estimating the total before you check out of a store. They will be more interested in mastering math if they realize its value.
• Do they really know it? Math is like a sport they need to practice it to master it. If they can answer a basic math question within three seconds, they’ve mastered the concept. Try drills or flashcards to get them up to speed.
THE MACAFEE FAMILY MINUTE

WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN READ

READ TO YOUR KIDS
Reading to kids exposes them to richer vocabulary than they usually hear from the adults who speak to them, and can have positive impacts on their language, intelligence, and later literacy achievement. What should you read to them? There are so many wonderful children’s books. Visit your local library, and you can get an armful of adventure.

HAVE THEM TELL YOU A “STORY.”
One great way to introduce kids to literacy is to take their dictation. Have them recount an experience or make up a story. A typical first story may be something like, “I like fish. I like my sister. I like grandpa.” Write it as it is being told, and then read it aloud. Point at the words when you read them, or point at them when your child is trying to read the story.

TEACH PHONICS (LETTER NAMES AND THEIR SOUNDS)
You can’t sound out words or write them without knowing the letter sounds. Practice letter sounds with your child.

LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD READ
When your child starts bringing books home from school, have her read to you. If it doesn’t sound good (mistakes, choppy reading), have her read it again. Or read it to her, and then have her try to read it herself. Studies show that this kind of repeated oral reading makes students better readers, even when it is done at home.

PROMOTE WRITING
Literacy involves reading and writing. Having books and magazines available for your child is a good idea, but it’s also helpful to have pencils, crayons, markers, and paper. Encourage your child to write. One way to do this is to write notes or short letters to them.

MAKE READING A REGULAR ACTIVITY IN YOUR HOME.
Make reading a part of your daily life, and kids will learn to love it. Start a routine after school or before bed to have your child read.

The MacAfee Family Minute

Here at MacAfee Road School, we want to help the Franklin Food Bank clients with their box of Holiday items in November!

We will be collecting the following items that have been specifically requested by the food bank and will be turning them into bags for families:

- Turkey stuffing (box only)
- Dried potatoes (box only)
- Large cans of white potatoes
- Large cans of yams
- Mixed vegetables (cans only)
- Cranberry sauce (cans only)
- Turkey gravy (cans only)

Please only send in items from this list. The need for families to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal will not be met if we do not provide the items the food bank has specifically requested. We appreciate your support with making this a special Thanksgiving for the families of the Franklin Township Food Bank!

Collection dates will be Wednesday, October 20th through Wednesday, October 27th! Please send items in with your child and they will be delivered to us!

Please contact Mrs. Lenczewski (slenczewski@franklinboe.org) or Mrs. Sperry (jsperry@franklinboe.org) if you have any questions!
Breast Cancer Awareness Day
We wore PINK to show our support for this very important cause.

Franklin Township Police Officers Partner with MacAfee School!
- Visiting Police Officer Sabinow reads to Mrs. Stallings’ second-grade class. (Click the video on the bottom left)
- Violence Prevention Week (Peace Week) Special thanks to Police Officers Reid and Belvin, who delivered safety presentations to various grade levels.

Sustainable Jersey Reboots!
- Recycling activity returns to MacAfee
- Safety Patrol - Information will be shared shortly.