



Ms. Bove's Brainiacs

Academics:

Reading: During our ELA block, the students have been reading picture books that focus on children who face challenges in having access to books or education. We have been learning how to find the gist of a story (main idea) by using the "Somebody...In...Wanted...But...So" graphic organizer to focus the information on the most important aspects of the story. We also began writing short constructed responses to a question about a text. Next week, the students will be assessed on their speaking and listening skills in a small group discussion. We will also determine the gist and the lesson of a new story, Nasreen's Secret School.

Math: In math, the students are doing a great job with the addition and subtraction algorithm. At times, I have noticed some students confusing which operation to use or having trouble with their basic addition and subtraction facts. It would be great to have your child practice those to make sure they are fresh in their mind. Next week, we will focus on addition and subtraction word problems and strategies we can use to determine which operation is appropriate for solving it (keywords, bar model, etc.). Much of our attention will be focused on multi-step word problems - those that involve adding and subtracting in order to find the correct answer.

General Information:

- The agendas/planners that our students use were purchased in advance by the school. We are asking parents to send in \$3.00 to cover the cost of the planner. If you write a check, please make it payable to LES. Please try to turn in the payment as soon as possible!
- We hope you can join us for the PTA General Assembly Meeting and the Open House event next Tuesday, September 25 from 5:30-7:30.
- I would like to thank Joyce Grimes and Jessica Phillips for volunteering to be room parents for our class this year. If you have a question for them, please send an email to jpgrimes@aol.com and jbphillips14@gmail.com.
- Make-up days have been revised from the original dates (hooray!). Please note that we will now have a regular school day on October 31st. The two early release days scheduled for September 28th and October 19th will now be full school days.

PTA News:

- The PTA is seeking a membership chairperson. For more info, please contact Wendie Hill at president@lespta.com.
- Join the PTA online at <https://les.memberhub.store>.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sept. 25:** Open House, 5:30-7:30
- **Sept. 28:** Full School Day - No longer an Early Release
- **Oct. 10:** Walk to School Day @ 8:30
- **Oct. 22-26:** Spirit Week, details TBD
- **Oct. 25:** ELA Curriculum Celebration Night, 5:30-7:30

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Next Week's

Specials:

Monday: Art
Tuesday: Health & Fitness
Wednesday: Music
Thursday: Logic
Friday: P.E.

Classroom Wish List: