

JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday November 12, 2021 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

Winter is Coming!

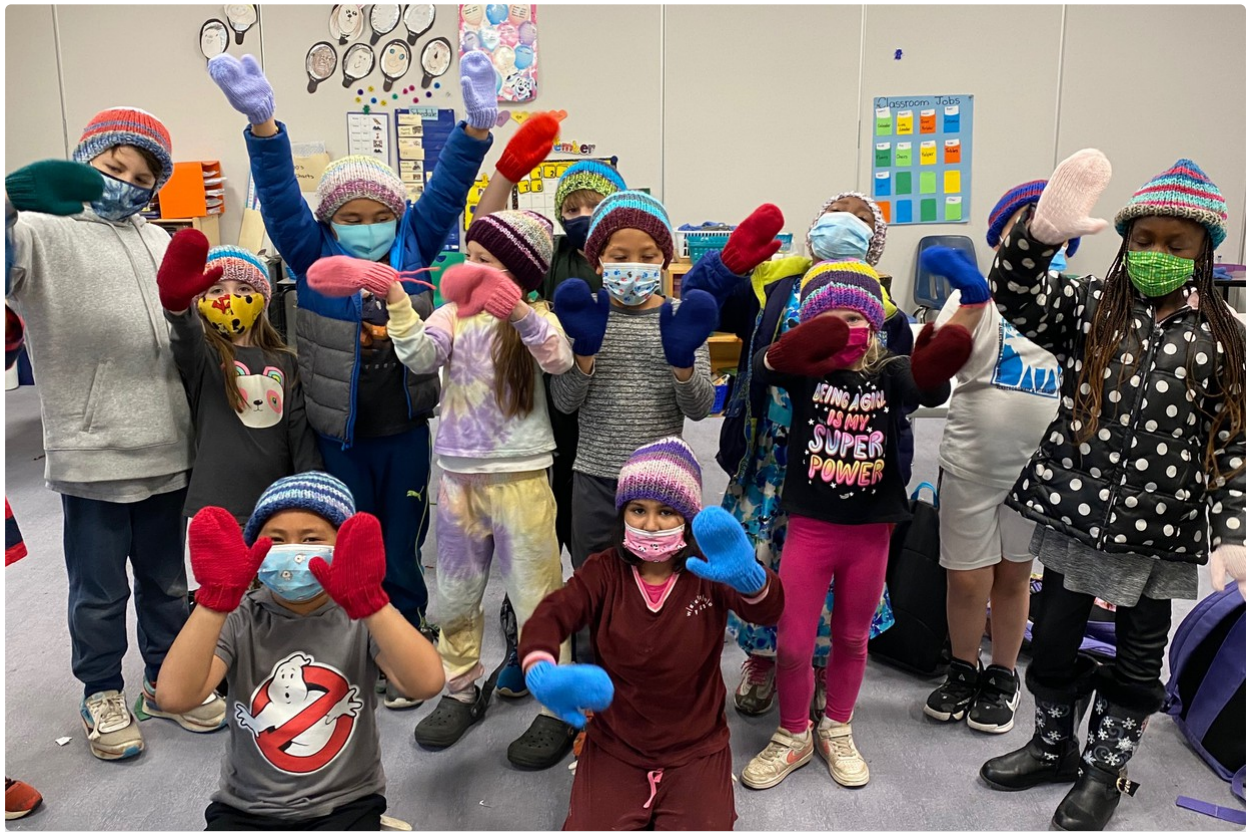
In the past few weeks, the weather has certainly changed. Some days we have snow, some days it is warm enough for t-shirts! Each fall, the weather in Vermont fluctuates and changes day to day, sometimes even minute to minute.

It is important that students are sent to school each day with weather appropriate clothing. Classes go outside for recess everyday unless it is raining or the temperature is below 10 degrees with the wind-chill. Once the cold weather is here to stay, students should come to school with snow boots, snow pants, mittens, jacket, and a hat.

We know that cold weather items can be expensive, and students grow so fast that they often cannot be used from one year to another. If you need cold weather gear for your student(s), please contact Grace Holcomb, our K-2 school counselor, or Sarah Murphy, our 3-5 school counselor. You can email them (gholcomb@wsdvt.org, smurphy@wsdvt.org) or call the main office and ask to speak to one of them.

Picture Below: Ms. Morgan's mom knitted hats and mittens for the entire 1st grade!





Parent Teacher Conferences

Each November, JFK holds our fall parent teacher conferences. Students will be dismissed at 11 am on November 18th and 19th for conferences. This year conferences will be held over Zoom.

On November 17th, your student(s) will bring home their trimester one report card. JFK report cards are standards based report cards. This means that our report cards are designed to show student progress towards reaching a standard. We use a 1 to 4 scale. A 1 means your student requires assistance with the standard, a 2 means your student is progressing towards meeting the standard, a 3 means your student is meeting the standard, and a 4 means your student is exceeding the standard.

We all know that the pandemic has had an impact on everyone. Schools across the country are seeing the effects of the pandemic on our students, both academically and socially. At JFK, we meet all of our students where they are at and work to ensure they make appropriate gains. Our report cards standards have not changed to reflect the impact we are seeing. We have high expectations for all of our students, and we work hard to ensure that everyone is getting what they need.

What this means for your student's report card is that you may see different numbers than you are used to. If you see 1's or 2's on your student's report card, please keep in mind that all of us are working to mitigate the impact of the pandemic. We are committed to working hard to ensure that your student(s) make academic and social gains this year.

If your student(s) is in grades Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and/or 3rd grade, you will also receive a DIBELS report. DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. DIBELS was developed to measure early literacy skills related to reading outcomes for students. At JFK, we use it to look at individual student's early literacy skills and measure their growth. The report you will receive is the results of your student's fall DIBELS assessment.

During your parent teacher conference, the teacher will be able to answer any questions you may have about your student(s) report card and/or their DIBELS report. They will also talk to you about what they see with your student(s) in the classroom. Please look through the report card and/or the DIBELS report before your conference, and come to the conference with any questions you may have. Our students are the most successful when home and school work together to support them.

Important Dates

Thursday, November 18, 2021

11:00am Early Dismissal

JFK Parent Teacher Conferences via Zoom

Friday, November 19, 2021

11:00am Early Dismissal

JFK Parent Teacher Conferences via Zoom

Monday, November 22, 2021

No School

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

No School

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

No School

Thursday, November 25, 2021

No School

Friday, November 26, 2021

No School

Wednesday, December 15, 2021


12:15 Early Dismissal





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