We Are Thankful!

As we prepare for the holiday season and plan to take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:

* Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.

* Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning.

* Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need.

We appreciate each one of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the Thanksgiving holiday. School is closed on Wednesday, November 27, and reopens on Monday, December 2.

We especially appreciate everyone’s efforts to avoid taking extra days off during this time of the year. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they’re excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.
Help Your Child Rock Reading Comprehension

Strategies that work:
• Read closely to find main ideas and supporting details
• Write explanations that group related information and develop topics with facts and details
• Write stories that establish a situation and include details and clear sequences of events that describe the actions, thoughts, and feelings of characters
• Read stories and poems aloud fluently, without pausing to figure out what each word means

Helpful websites:
• https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-multiple-languages
• https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/blog-posts/meghan-everette/17-18/Parent-Question-Stems-for-ELA/

We Like to MOVE IT, MOVE IT

The goal of PE at GES is to help students develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to enjoy a lifetime of physical activity. Each PE lesson takes into account the wide range of skill and fitness levels children in elementary school possess. Our goal is to help children find a variety of ways to enjoy being physically active so that they will be able to get all of the physical, emotional, intellectual, and social benefits that come to someone who is physically active.

So that our students get the most from their PE time, please make sure they are dressed appropriately and wear athletic shoes on their PE days.