



November 2019



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00
4 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	5 NO SCHOOL	6 Taco Salad	7 Cheese Calzones	8 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00
11 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	12 Mostaccioli	13 Chicken Patty	14 Cheese Quesadilla	15 Hot Dog
18 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	19 Mac & Cheese	20 Chicken Nuggets	21 Hamburger	22 Taco Salad
25 Whole Grain Cheese Pizza	26 Cheese Nachos	27 1/2 Day: Dismissal @ 12:00	28 Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)	29 Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)

**Reminders**

- Please keep the office informed of ANY changes in your phone numbers or your address. Medication intake policy: *Parents must leave medication with the prescription in the office*
- School uniform is the polo and BLUE or BLACK pants/skirt: NO JEANS, NO LEGGINGS, NO YOGAS
- Hoodies must not have any logos except The Dearborn Academy
- Boots are NOT part of the uniform
- Safety is one of the most important issues for our children at The Dearborn Academy. Please report to the office when you are visiting the school.

**The Dearborn Academy Board Meeting**

November 18th, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. All are invited!



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**Mark Your Calendar**

November 1: 1/2 Day Dismissal @ 12:00

November 1-November 8: Book Fair

November 1: 1st Quarter ends

November 1: MS Video Game Night @ 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

November 5: Election Day (NO SCHOOL)

November 7 & November 8: Parent Teacher Conferences

November 8: 1/2 Day Dismissal @ 12:00

November 13: Late Start: Classes Start @ 9:00 a.m.

November 14: Title I Arabic/English Parent Night @ 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

November 15: Title I Spanish/English Parent Night @ 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

November 20 – November 22: Vision Screening

November 20: School Spirit Shirt Day

November 23: Court of Dreams basketball game @ Little Caesars Arena

November 27: Turkey Trot

November 27: 1/2 Day for students and staff

**Mission Statement**

The Dearborn Academy is a unique charter school serving a multicultural community through individualized, focused instruction allowing each student to achieve academic excellence and exhibit social responsibility.

**Vision**

We are an Academy dedicated to academic excellence for our young learners. We are innovative, empowering, and absolutely committed to the continuous social development and academic growth of all students. We establish a school learning environment in which our academic goals are articulated with laser sharp clarity and are regularly monitored.

We provide an academic environment where quality learning is fun and enjoyable. We create an atmosphere of trust and support for all learners where diversity is celebrated and honored. We develop actively involved learners who are building self-confidence and a sense of responsibility to be engaged in the global community.

**School Hours**

7:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Buses, student arrival, and breakfast begin at 7:15 a.m. Students are sent to their classrooms at 7:55 a.m. (elementary) and 7:50 (middle school).

Children who are late to school (after 8:05) **MUST** report to the office before going to class. We urge you to make every effort to have your child at school ON TIME each day so that your child has a good beginning to their day. When students are late, it disrupts the class as well as causing the tardy student to miss specific directions for the day.

If you need to pick up your child early, we ask that you call the school office at 313-982-1300 a minimum of ONE hour prior to arriving.

**Principal's Message**

As we enter November, we have also come to the end of the first card marking period. It is hard to believe we are one quarter of the way through the school year. With the marking period ending, our communication with you is essential. Parent/Teacher Conferences are on November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all parents to continue to connect with your child's teacher about their academic progress and search out ways you can support your child at home. We look forward to seeing you soon to discuss your child's progress.

On another note, you have probably noticed that our new math and ELA programs have a lot of language in them. We are working with students to develop skills in understanding and responding to open-ended questions in all subjects. This has meant some changes in our expectations for students. Please help us, help your kids.

Another reminder is our Mandatory Parent Night on November 14<sup>th</sup> or November 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents/Guardians are required to select one night to receive information on Title I funding.

### PK News

What a great beginning we have had this year! We are almost into the third month of the school year and the classroom schedule and activities are well underway. With successful progress, the children are pleased and have adjusted nicely to the classroom routine. Children are learning to write their first name, and count up to ten. Looks of "I can't do it" are turning into looks of "I am doing it!" It is very rewarding for us – as teachers – to witness this transition. Along with the children's actions, the parents have been more than wonderful. We are so grateful for all your support and willingness to take an active role in helping make our Preschool year successful.

With the weather starting to change, please send a jacket or a sweater, hat, and gloves with your child each morning. We have two daily outdoor playtimes, if the weather permits.

### Kindergarten News

Our Kindergartners have been learning lots of new and exciting things! The students are continuing to practice rules and procedures in our classrooms and in the school. They are learning about each letter of the alphabet and the sounds they make. They have been practicing writing the letters correctly, along with writing their names. We will be starting to work on rhyming words. In math, students are continuing to learn about numbers 1-10. They are learning to count, recognize numbers, and write the numbers.

In social studies, we will be finishing up our unit about America. Once we have finished our social studies unit, we will be moving into Science. As we introduce Science, students will be learning what science is and what it is all about. Then we will move into learning the five senses.

Just a reminder that homework packets go home on Monday and are due to the teacher Friday.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

The First graders have learned so much in the past few weeks about being responsible citizens. We are going to begin our next unit on Light and Sound. Students will investigate light and sounds through fun experiments. In math, we will continue learning strategies to use for adding and subtracting. You can help your child become fluent in math by giving him/her story problems to try and solve. You can also give your child coins to practice counting money. Please continue to encourage your children to read for at least 20 minutes every evening and check their folders daily for any type of homework or school notes. Moreover, please dress your child in their uniform unless it is a "dress down" day.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

Happy November Second Grade Families!

This month in second grade we will be doing lots of fun things! In math we will be looking at bar/ picture graphs and how to make them and use them to answer questions. In ELA we will continue to work on reading in our guided reading groups. We will be working on how to share our thoughts about what we are reading with a partner. Recalling what we read in a story will be a big thing we are working on this month as well. Please continue going over sight words at home!

In science and social studies, we will be looking at maps and exploring the life of a plant.

With the weather continuing to change, it is getting cold and we always go out for recess, weather permitting, so please send the proper outdoor clothing with your child so they can participate in recess!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

For the month of November, we will begin Unit 2 Multiplication and Division. For reading, we will learn about Animals during Interactive Read Aloud. In writing, we will continue with personal narratives. Throughout the 3rd grade year, we will learn the scientific process in science and geography and history of Michigan in social studies. Happy Fall!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

We have had a great start to our fourth grade year!

In science, your child has begun learning about sound and light waves. They have completed many exciting science experiments to help them expand their knowledge of waves. Your fourth grader will continue learning about waves for the next couple of weeks.

During math, your fourth grader has reviewed many skills from third grade. Soon, they will be take what they know to learn new math skills that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Please be sure to keep practicing mental math and multiplication facts at home!

We have been reading many fascinating stories throughout the last couple of weeks. This year we will be doing guided reading groups and centers. Although your child is reading the stories in class, be sure to ask them questions about what they are reading.

In social studies, the fourth graders have been learning about different roles of the government. They have begun learning about The Bill of Rights. We will continue to learn about the government for the next couple of weeks.

We appreciate all that you do for your child and for our school! Please feel free to contact us is you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

It is hard to believe it is already November! This school year is flying by! Please help your child stay on track by checking their planner every night, and making sure their homework is complete. If they need help on homework they are welcome to come in early; please make sure they are here by 7:30 am at the latest if they need help.

Also please make sure your child is getting to school on time. Your child should be in the classroom by 8:00 am. Students who walk in late, miss key information that is given. Help them be successful by getting them here on time.

Both classrooms could use tissues. If you are able to donate a box it would be greatly appreciated.

### PE News

Now that our fitness testing is complete. We are going to begin working on locomotor movements and object control skills. Please make sure your child wears proper shoes for physical activity. Students will not be allowed to participate (even on dress down days) if they have shoes that are unsafe for physical activity.

### World Languages News

**Arabic 7<sup>th</sup> grade:** Students will be introduced to the travel unit in Arabic, where they will learn about the different modes of transportation, recognize the objects and processes needed for traveling, and learn about the different cultural practices in several countries. They will also compare and contrast the means of transportation, including modern and past ways used to travel.

**Arabic KG:** Students will continue learning the alphabets along with their sounds ( ( , ن - ل , ب - ت and examples of the words that start with these letters. Students will begin practicing writing their last names in Arabic, as well as singing the song of the days of the week.

**Arabic Low Elementary:** Students will continue learning how to form sense and nonsense words using the alphabets they have learned up to date. In addition to learning some vocabulary words for each of these letters, students will be introduced to the fall unit.



### Middle School News

**ELA:** Mrs. Finkbeiner's ELA students finished their first exciting unit in October. They are now working on a new unit at each grade level. 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Mysteries and Investigations, 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Character and Conflict, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Liberty and Equality.

In 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA in Mr. Forte's classroom, students are preparing for their first essay prompts of the school year and will be completing a written test assessment from our first unit. The essay will ask students to take evidence from the texts they have read to make a claim. The test will focus on the variety of readings completed over the past three weeks.

**Math:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be moving from Rates and Percent to Fractions and how we use them in our daily lives. 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be moving from Integers and Rational numbers to Expressions and Equations in the real world. 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be moving from Scientific Notation to Multi-step equations.

**Social Studies:** Social Studies is always mixing the creativity of students to whatever subject they are studying. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders have covered the Constitution being created and its failings from the Articles of Confederation. Of course, with the beginning parties literally dueling each other, makes for some intense lessons. But 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are now moving to the early presidencies after Washington and how war is yet again around the corner. This would be the presidency of Jefferson, Adams, and Madison. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders have finished the first River civilizations with the beginning of different societies and a general theme to their organizations. This means that now the 7<sup>th</sup> Graders get to look at the Empires that shaped our world starting with Mesopotamia and China. The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders have just finished up the basics of Geography and how to use maps for their own purposes or to see others. That means we will now move onto the main themes of Globalization- first up is population! We have taken a look at the world; now let's figure out where everyone lives and why! Social Studies has once again won the day as engaging because we are the best subject!

**Science:** For the month of November we are finishing our unit on what it means to think like a scientist. Topics include: Technology and Society and Lab Safety. After that, 8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin its unit on chemistry with "An Introduction to Matter." 7<sup>th</sup> grade will begin its unit on geology with "Earth's Interior." Finally 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be starting its unit on Biology with "What is Life?"

Additionally I will be on paternity leave for the month of November as my wife and I welcome our second child into the world. As much as I don't want to leave my classroom I am overjoyed to be able to spend this time with my family and to be able to help my wife with her recovery. I will be checking in on my classes with google classroom and quizlet throughout my leave. Students have been made aware of my absence and are expected to conduct business as normal.