



# **Strodes Mills Elementary School**

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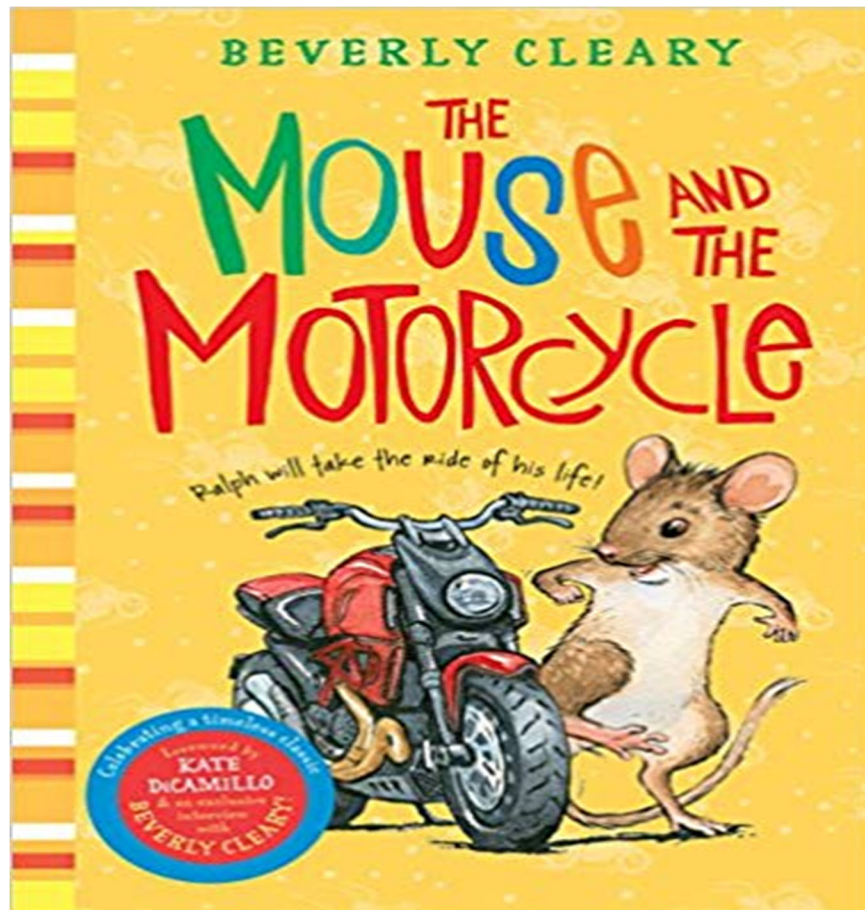
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*Dear Strodes Mills Families,*

*December is a time for reflecting on the year that is ending and for planning for another year. Parent involvement in a child's education is so very important. Your children will achieve better educational outcomes if you are involved. Reading with your children in the evening, making sure there is a time and place for homework, and talking with your child's teachers are some of the ways you can be involved. We want you to know that your involvement is not only appreciated but it makes a tremendous difference in your child's education. We are grateful to you for sharing your children with all of us.*

*From the Strodes Mills Elementary School staff .....have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends!*





## One School, One Book

Our school will be participating in One School, One Book this year for parent and family engagement efforts. The goal of One School, One Book is to encourage literacy involvement at home. This year's book, *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, was chosen by our students and their families. On **January 6<sup>th</sup>** all SMES students will be bringing home their very own copy of *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*. Along with the book, you will receive a letter, reading calendar, and a copy of trivia questions. Students will have the opportunity to answer a trivia question at school the next day about the chapter you read the night before. During school, each grade level will be working on activities that coordinate with the book. Upon completion of the book, we will host a school wide celebration of reading for families on **Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for more information about our celebration! We hope that you enjoy sharing in the reading experience of *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* at home with your child.



## ATTENDANCE

**ALWAYS** send in an excuse within 3 days of your child's absence. If your child goes to the doctor or dentist, please get a doctor's excuse. **Failure to submit a written excuse within three (3) days will result in the absence being recorded as an unlawful absence.**

## FUNDRAISERS

**SMES Discount Card** order forms will be sent home **December 4th**. They make great Christmas gifts for your Mailman, Newspaper person, Hairdresser, Bus Drivers, etc. Please have your order forms and money returned to the school by **December 11th**. Orders will be sent home on **December 18th**. Cost is \$10.00 per card. Cards are valid for one year.

- 12/6 Kindergarten going to the Ice Festival
- 12/9 Ornament Making Day
- 12/9 PSA meeting at 6:00
- 12/11 Discount Card orders and money are due
- 12/16 Santa's Workshop
- 12/17 Christmas Music Program 9:00 AM for Grades K & 3
- 12/17 Christmas Music Program 10:00 AM for Grades 1 & 2
- 12/18 Discount cards will be sent home
- 12/20 Christmas Parties and visit from Santa
- 12/23 – 1/3 Christmas Vacation – No school
- 1/6 First day back to school after Christmas Vacation
- 1/27 Sadecky's Puppets
- 2/18 Mary Poppins Show at MCHS
- 3/4 & 5 SMES Kindergarten Registration for 2020- 2021
- 3/10 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Dutch Apple Theater
- 3/17 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Shaver's Creek

## REMINDERS TO PARENTS:

Parents, family and friends may attend the Music Program on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 A.M** for students in K and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. **Doors will open at 8:30 A.M.** The **10:00 AM** program is for students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades. This will allow for more seating at each performance.

## CLOTHING BORROWED FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Occasionally a student needs to **borrow** some clean dry clothing from the Nurse's office. Please wash the clothing and return them to school within a few days so if we need them for another student they will be available. **The clothing is not to be kept by the student.** Thanks for your understanding.

## ATTENDANCE

Early dismissals or two or three hour delays are all considered **FULL** days of school. If your child does not attend those days they will be marked absent for a full day of school **not a half day**.

**Excuses must be sent** in within three days of returning to school after a student has been absent.

## HOMEWORK

If your child is ill and you would like to pick up their homework, either email the teacher (email addresses are found on the MCSD website under Schools – Strodes – Faculty) or call the office **before** 11:00 AM if you want to pick it up that afternoon.



**Strodes Mills** will be having Kindergarten registration for the 2020 – 2021 school year on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms were sent home. Please make sure if you have a child or know of a neighbor, family member or friend who has a child that will be starting Kindergarten in the fall, that they register at SMES in March.

**Kindergarten Readiness Workshops** will be held from 9:00 – 12:00:

- January 11, 2020 at Strodes Mills Elementary
- January 25, 2020 at Indian Valley Elementary
- February 8, 2020 at East Derry Elementary
- February 22, 2020 at Lewistown Elementary

You may choose one of these workshops to attend. They are full of good ideas to prepare your child for Kindergarten. Please call 717-248-0148 Ext. 2546 or email [mrf33@mcsdk12.org](mailto:mrf33@mcsdk12.org) to register.

### **Camp on Your Way to K**

Will be Monday thru Thursday, June 8 – 11, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. Children will ride the school bus, meet the kindergarten teachers, make new friends, learn important skills to help make them be successful in kindergarten and have fun!!!

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**Hour of Code week is December 9 -15.** The Hour of Code is a global movement by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries through a one-hour introduction to computer science and computer programming. Students will participate in the Hour of Code during computer class, but are encouraged to continue at home at <https://code.org/learn>

Computing jobs are the #1 source of new wages in the U.S.

500,000  
current openings

43,000  
computer science  
graduates in 2016

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Start with one #HourOfCode

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