

# Tunkhannock Area Primary Center

## October Newsletter

### Kindergarten

*Kindergarten is adjusting to the addition of a 9<sup>th</sup> kindergarten teacher and class. They are continuing to make many new friends! Classes are introducing work stations and math centers. Students are learning how to use their white boards and practice letters for Foundations.*

### First Grade

First graders are learning building rules, expectations and procedures.

Classes are enjoying learning about the life cycle of apple trees and butterflies. Students are observing the life cycle of a butterfly in their class, and quite a few butterflies have been released on our playground! Students are also reviewing letter formation and sounds.

### Second Grade

Second graders are working hard on learning new routines. They are working on "Bio Poems" and getting to know new friends. Students are learning about digraphs, blends, and the rule for using c, k, or ck. In math class, second graders are practicing place value, skip counting and adding. Rocket Math began this week as will addition with three digit numbers in the very near future!

**A note from Mrs. Frisco:** We are all getting accustomed to our new building, friends, surroundings and procedures. Excitement is in the air as we get the new school year underway. I am looking forward to a fantastic year with the incredible team here at the Primary Center, as well as getting to know you and your wonderful students.

### Tiger Academy

Our school counselors are teaching students the 3 Tiger Pride Principles: Caring, Respect, and Responsibility. They are busy organizing Red Ribbon Week activities for students and plan to partner with Cammie Anderson during the last week of October.

QUEST is our new Social Emotional Learning program and you can check it out at [www.lions-quest.org](http://www.lions-quest.org). Students are learning about self-awareness, social skills, responsible decision making and calming practices with our social emotional learning teachers.

In the STEM portion of Tiger Academy, kindergarten and first built their own communities at building centers. Second learned about force, pressure, friction and gravity. Students then built rockets out of balloons and studied the trajectory of their flight.

### REMINDERS

October 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Spirit Week!

October 4<sup>th</sup> – Kidwriting Workshop

October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day!

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Conferences

October 19<sup>th</sup> – No school for students

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Early Dismissal 12:30pm