



Miss Emily's Class Newsletter

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About Me

Hello! My name is Emily Poutré and I am your child's elementary school teacher. I studied Elementary Education at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA after initially going to school to study art. I like reading, movies, hot tea, autumn, board games, art, music/musicals, and being a teacher. I dislike talking during movies, chewing with an open mouth, and...bugs!

I am very interested in bringing both creative and technological aspects to your child's education – not only to make it fun for them, but also to better prepare them with skills they will need in the 21st Century.

Along with this monthly newsletter, you can keep up with our classroom online at missemilysclassroom.weebly.com. me if you have any questions.

Upcoming Units

Social Studies

- *Geography*: learning about the geography of New England and Massachusetts.

Language Arts

- *Prefixes*: identifying the meanings of applying common prefixes

Science

- *Rocks & Minerals*: observing and describing the properties or ore minerals

Math

- *Operations & Algebraic Thinking*: Represent and solve problems involving multiplication and division (interpret products of whole numbers).

Classroom Expectations...

As we start the school year, I would like to outline for you and your child what they can expect from me as we begin our work together. This should certainly eliminate any worries you and your son/daughter may feel about facing the unknown with a new teacher, as well as prepare them for a successful year in my classroom.

First and foremost, I am here to help your child. I want them to know that I am always here for support and encouragement, but I would also like to point out that if I am unaware of any problems or questions that they have, I can't be of any help. Therefore, I encourage my students to be open and discuss how they feel about their schoolwork.

Each student is expected to:

- **Be respectful** – use kind words, listen carefully while others are speaking, give encouragement, cooperate with others, and include everyone.
- **Be prepared** – complete assignments on time, bring any necessary tools to class, and be on time.
- **Participate** – be involved in class activities and discussions.
- **Do Your Best** – and remember that Miss Emily (and the rest of the faculty) is there to help.
- **Have fun!**

I hope you will join with me in discussing and demonstrating these expectations with your child.



Our next major project...

Our newest assignment is on important historical figures from Massachusetts! Each student will be using edu.glogster.com to create a biographical poster on one of these historical figures (the class has already been approved to report on the historical figure of their choice).

You may need to help your child at home in doing research for this project. I strongly urge you to practice safe internet usage and only allow your child to use the internet when accompanied by you or another responsible adult. The only web use required would be to create the "glog" itself and find images to insert. If you like, other research can be done with biographical books from school and local libraries.

We made a glog together in class on a historical figure we've have already learned a great deal about - John Adams!

You can see the poster we made in class on Glogster itself by visiting: <http://epoutre.edu.glogster.com/glog-7940-9063>.



Thank you for taking the time to read our class newsletter and for being involved in your child's education. It means a great deal to me as well as the students. Feel free to contact me any time by using the "Contact Me" form on our website, missemilysclassroom.weebly.com or directly by phone at the school.