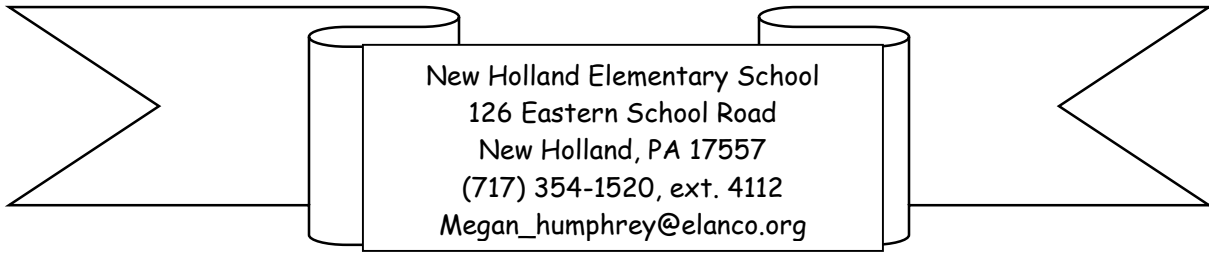
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we've finished our first full month of school. Here's a look at what we will be learning this month along with a couple of reminders.

Reading

In reading we will begin Unit 2 of Reading Street. We will focus on r-controlled vowels, contractions, plurals, and vowel patterns a, ai, and ay as our phonics skills. In comprehension, we will focus on cause and effect, author's purpose, facts and details, and comparing and contrasting.

Writing

Our writing focuses for this month are nonfiction narratives, biographies, expository nonfiction, fairy tales, and folk tales. The grammar skills we will be learning are nouns, proper nouns, singular and plural nouns, and possessive nouns.

Math

This month's math unit focuses on measurement. We are measuring lengths in both centimeters and inches, comparing lengths, telling time to the hour, half hour, quarter hour, and five minutes, and telling the difference between AM and PM. We will also be solving word problems relating to measurement concepts.

Science/Social Studies/Health

Our social studies topic this month is on famous Americans. The Americans we are learning about are Harriet Tubman, Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea, Martin Luther King Jr., George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Betsy Ross, Thomas Edison, Teddy Roosevelt, and Francis Scott Key. At the end of the month, we will participate in Red Ribbon week where we will learn how to keep our bodies healthy. The solar system projects that were sent in are AMAZING! Thank you for your support!

Homework Reminder

Your child will be bringing home reading and math homework on a daily basis. Please listen to your child read and check his/her math homework. Also, don't forget to initial your child's agenda each night (except Fridays).

It's great to provide assistance to your child, but please let him/her write the answers to the homework and do as much as possible. Homework is extra practice to reinforce the skills your child has learned at school and a way for you to be involved in your child's learning.

In addition, please take the corrected papers/mail out of your child's binder each night. This keeps the binder from getting too full and makes it easier for your child to locate his/her agenda and homework paper each day.



Snack

If your child's language arts teacher does not provide snack, please send in a peanut-free snack each day. Please do not send candy for snack as your child needs healthy nutrients to keep him or her focused on learning throughout the day.

Lunch Money

When you send lunch money to school with your child, please be sure to put it in an envelope with your child's name and teacher's name. Thanks!

Important Dates in October

October 12th—No School

October 23th—Race for Education
(wear sneakers)

October 29th- End of 1st Marking Period

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at New Holland Elementary by phone (717-354-1520 ext. 4112) or by e-mail (megan_humphrey@elanco.org). Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Miss Megan Humphrey