



# Fabyan Facts

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## Important Dates to Note

11/23 –11/24: Parent Teacher Conferences

11/25-11/27: Thanksgiving Break

11/30-12/18 Rollerskating in PE

12/01: Robert Crown Parent Preview @ Williamsburg Elementary 7:00 pm

12/02: 5th Grade Field Trip—Friendship Station

12/04: 1st Grade—ThinkFirst Bike Helmet Presentation

12/18: Winter Parties

12/21—01/01: Winter Break

01/04: Classes Resume

**Check-out PTO Happenings for more *Important Dates to Remember*. This will include PTO dates and deadlines!!!**

## Letter From the Principal



Thanksgiving is a perfect time to reflect on the thankfulness that we feel toward the wonderful things that we have happening in our lives. At the Thompson homestead, I am thankful that my son, Dalton, will be home from Southern Illinois University tomorrow after having a successful beginning to his sophomore year. Aviation and the Flying Salukis have kept him busy so it will be great to have him grounded at home for a few days. I look forward to spending time with my daughter, Tori, as we are finalizing her college search and in less than 8 months, she will be on a college campus away from home. I am thankful for the understanding of my husband, Mark, as tonight he will be surprised with a new cocker spaniel puppy, Milo, that he wasn't aware that we were introducing into our family. With Tori working at Petland, I just couldn't say "no" anymore to adding another dog in our home. I just hope Belle won't be too salty with another dog invading her home!!

I want to take this time to express my gratitude toward our amazing Fabyan Community. First of all, thank you to our Fabyan Faculty for their enthusiasm not only in the classroom working with students but also the enthusiasm they share toward making our school a family environment. A place where caring and nurturing are just second nature as their days are filled with teaching, lesson planning, and reflection.

Thank you to our wonderful students who come energized each day with smiles and inquisitive thoughts. It is through these wonderful students that our future will know amazing advances in technology, sciences, and all other career paths.

Thank you to our parents who are committed to providing encouragement, coaching, and guidance to support our community of learners. Your children are a true gift and your support provides them opportunities that we could only have dreamed of when we were young! The countless hours that our parent volunteers spend in filling our school with school spirit and fulfilling activities are immeasurable.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and I hope to see many of you at parent / teacher conferences!!

*Mrs. Darcy Thompson*



## How to Cook a Turkey

By FES Kindergarteners—KS and KD



My mom will make our Thanksgiving turkey. She gets it from the zoo. She brings it home and puts it in the oven on 4. It cooks for 4 seconds...Sometimes she gives me the bone too!" ~ Luca

"First you buy at the bakery. It cost \$6.00 and it weighs 5 pounds...We cook it for 8 minutes. My favorite thing about Thanksgiving is sharing. " ~ Jack

"My mom buys our turkey anywhere she wants. It weighs 10 pounds and cost \$40.00. First she follows the piece of paper and then puts it in the stove. The stove is really hot and smoke comes out. " ~ Maggie

"First my mom buys our turkey at the market. It weighs 25 pounds and it is 2 feet high. She puts salt, pepper, and potatoes on it...She bakes it for 10 minutes at 70 degrees. ~ Sara

"Both of my grandmas and grandpas are coming to our house. My first grandma will cook the turkey she gets from Hawaii. It cooks in a little oven for 10 minutes. My oven has a timer and the turkey is light brown when its done." ~James

"My daddy will make a turkey from Fresh Market. It is a 10 feet tall one. He cooks it with barbecue sauce in the microwave. It cooks for 5 minutes then 3 minutes. Then puts sausage, more barbecue and sprinkles on it." ~ Connor

"Mostly my dad cooks the turkey from Trader Joes. He puts it on the stove outside om medium. He cooks it for an hour or so. When its smooth, its done." ~Emma

"My dad cooks the turkey for Thanksgiving. I think he gets it at Costco. I think he will put it in the oven again this year. It's a regular turkey, so nothing is on it." ~Drew



## Second Step: What you need to know in December!

### What is second step?

The Second Step Program is taught in all classrooms to teach skills in the following areas:

- 1. Skills for Learning:** Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
- 2. Empathy:** Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.
- 3. Emotion Management:** Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
- 4. Problem Solving:** Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

### What are they learning now?

**Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade** will be starting their empathy unit. They will be learning about identifying and naming their own feelings as well as using situational clues to help identify the feelings of others. Kindergarteners will also be learning how to identify anger, while first graders will learn how people may have different feelings about the same situation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade** will be continuing in Unit 2 learning about empathy. Students will learn that people may have different feelings about the same situation and how to respect those differences. They will also be learning about being confident and how practicing can help build our confidence.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade** will be continuing on Unit 2, learning about being able to see others' perspectives and how that helps us build empathy. They will also learn that it's ok to have conflicting feelings about a situation and that having empathy can help us accept one another's differences.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade** will be talking about understanding different perspectives and how empathy is a central component to perspective taking. They will also be practicing having successful conversations with peers and giving compliments, as well as being assertive to help join a group or invite others to join.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade** students will be learning about how respecting differences and finding similarities can create mutual respect and friendship. They will also learn about how to disagree respectfully as well as how to respond with compassion.

If you have any questions about the Second Step program or what your child is learning, please let us know!

Thank you,  
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### Words to know:

**Empathy:** feeling and understanding how someone else is feeling

**Assertive:** face the person you are talking to, keep your head up and shoulders back and use a calm, firm voice with respectful words

**Compassion:** saying kind words or doing something to show you care about how another person feels

## PE News:

### Roller Skating Volunteers Needed in P.E. for Grades K-3

Beginning November 30<sup>th</sup>, students will be participating in a 3-week roller skating unit. We'll need several parent volunteers per class to help get on skates and safety equipment. If you are available to help out during your child's P.E. time (or even if you can stop in to help another class) please email Mr. Graham at [mgraham@geneva304.org](mailto:mgraham@geneva304.org)

<b>Kindergarten - Schrottenboer</b>	Wednesdays & Fridays 1:40-2:10	December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16
<b>Kindergarten - Diamond</b>	Wednesdays & Fridays 1:10-1:40	December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Bauer</b>	Mondays & Fridays 12:10-12:40	Nov. 30, Dec. 4, 7, 11, 14, 18
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Scheiner</b>	Wednesdays & Fridays 12:40-1:10	December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Marsh</b>	Mondays & Wednesdays 9:15-9:45	Nov. 30, Dec. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - McGowen</b>	Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:45-10:15	Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Bain</b>	Tuesdays & Fridays 10:20-10:50	Dec. 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Stone</b>	Mondays & Thursdays 10:20-10:50	Nov. 30, Dec. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17



## PTO Happenings

Click here to visit the [Fabyan PTO Website](#) for all current PTO info and flyers!

### Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>: Cold Weather Item Drive for Our Sister School ends

Wednesday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>: Last Day to place online orders for Square1 Art

Monday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>: Dippin Dot orders due at noon

Friday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>: Dippin' Dots

Friday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: Classroom Winter Parties

### **Square1 Art - Place your order today!**

**Last day to place your online order for Square1 Art is Wednesday, November 25. We can no longer accept paper orders.**

Celebrate the holidays with gifts to be cherished for years to come! Your child's artwork can be made into fun, memorable products and keepsakes. Choose from sports bags, jewelry, ornaments, notecards, water bottles, coffee mugs, and more!

For online orders, visit [www.square1art.com/shop](http://www.square1art.com/shop) and use the access code found on your paper order form.

If you've misplaced your order form, you can contact square1 art directly at 888-332-3294.

Any questions, please email [amyjwr@yahoo.com](mailto:amyjwr@yahoo.com).

## **Order your Gift Cards from Scrip!**

You have one more chance to order your holiday gift cards through Scrip! It's a quick and easy way to get gift cards to a variety of stores and restaurants while supporting Fabyan. Gift cards make great gifts for family, friends and teachers during this holiday season.

New Scrip order forms were sent home last Friday in your child's backpack. Just fill it out and return it to school by Friday, December 4th.

Gift cards will be sent home in your child's backpack on Wednesday, December 16th or dropped off at home, based on your preference. If you have any questions or need a new form, please contact Julie Zibble at [Julie@thezibbles.com](mailto:Julie@thezibbles.com). Happy shopping!!



### **Our Sister School**

The cold and snow is officially here! As we bundle up our own children to go outside, please remember all the families who cannot afford the appropriate gear this winter.

As a reminder our committee is collecting new winter hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for the children at Our Sister School, E.M. Rollins Elementary. A bin will be placed out during parent teacher conferences for you to drop off your donated items.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Melissa Hostasa at [melmat123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melmat123@sbcglobal.net). Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Fun Fair**

A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, bakers and those who donated goods for concessions and raffle baskets. Without you, this event wouldn't be possible.

A special shout out to the teachers, staff and custodians!

### **After School Enrichment**



Hello Fabyan Families!

Happy Holidays to all of you! After the first of the year, when the gifts are all opened, the weather is cold and the kids are looking for something to do.... we are here for you! After School Enrichment (ASE) is an opportunity for the kids to have something exciting and fun to do. **It is runs January 14, 21, 28 and February 4.**

For one hour, from 2:20-3:20, the kids will be able to participate in a class, selected by you (and them). The class catalogs will be available soon. We are going to need lots of volunteers to help with the program. As a volunteer, we need you to be available to help the students get from the gym to the classroom where their class is located, oversee that our children are participating in a safe manner or that what they are doing is safe and maybe offer a helping hand if someone doesn't have enough hands for what they are doing. After class, you help walk the students to the front door to help assure that dismissal is orderly. This program cannot go on without you. We must have enough volunteers to observe our outside vendors as they interact with our kids. Please visit the Fabyan PTO website to be directed to the sign-up genius to volunteer. There are a couple of lead positions available and many assistants are still needed.

For those who volunteer and help out with the classes, your children will have an opportunity to have early access to sign-up. Enrollment for ASE is first come first serve.

Looking forward to hearing from you! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lisa Bova at [lisabova@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisabova@sbcglobal.net).