



Photo of the Week: I Am...

The Wolves classroom created introspective poems that were also works of art, or were they works of art that were also introspective poems? Either way, the activity encouraged students to reflect on their unique hopes, concerns, values, and visions. It then engaged them in sharing with their classmates to celebrate how these self-expressions actually served to make connections to one another and strengthen the bonds of classroom community.



Thank You for Your Help!

Thank you to all the parents who have completed our Conference Survey! Your input is appreciated very much! Once again, we benefitted from the weekly volunteering of Chris Callender, Lyle Gerard, Kevin Kager, and Lisa Walton. Thank you, all for your commitment! Thanks, too, to this week's Food Committee volunteers: Natalie Sobanja, Kim Falter, Anna Sorensen, Myra Theimer, and Kate Fitzgerald. We are grateful for your efforts!

What's Happening at GES:

Annual Meeting on November 15th As parents or staff at Great Expectations, you are an official "member" of our school and have the authority to elect board members and participate in our decision making. We will be holding our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 15th, from 6:30 – 8:00. We will begin with a casual social time, with dessert provided. At 7:00, children will be excused to classrooms (one for youngers, one for olders) for supervised activities. Adults will participate in a discussion of significant school issues – including all-county school collaborations, the status of our facility initiatives, and long-range plans – and for board and officer elections. Your input and feedback is critical to our on-going success. Please join us for this important evening.

Goal-Setting Conference Follow-up Survey: If you have not yet had a chance to complete our conference survey, please take the time to do so. The survey can be found at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X3VDF9W>.

Flu Season is Coming Soon, Be Prepared!

Use this questionnaire from the Center for Disease Control each day your child is sick with flu-like symptoms and follow the instructions for when to keep the child home and what to tell the school.

Does your child have:	1. Fever of 100 F or higher (before med's)?	Yes	No
	2. Sore throat?	Yes	No
	3. Cough?	Yes	No

Should I Keep My Child Home?

If you answered "Yes" for fever AND one of the other symptoms, keep your child home for **at least 24 hours after** his or her fever is gone without fever-reducing medicine. For many children this will be 5 - 7 days. Your child should feel well enough to participate fully before returning. If you have questions about your child's health or symptoms, call your child's doctor or clinic. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor or clinic with a different disease, such as strep, follow your doctor or clinic's recommendation for when to return to school. Please call each day your child is absent. Thank you!

What Should I Tell My Child's School?

If you answered "Yes" for fever AND one of the other symptoms, tell the school that your child is home with flu-like illness. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor or clinic with a different disease, such as strep, please tell the school that.

Want more info?

For a great resource, check out: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/A_Flu_Guide_For_Parents.pdf.

Important Calendar Reminders (please call the school with any questions):

NO SCHOOL 11/7 & 11/8: There will be no school these days. School resumes Wednesday, November 9th.

Annual Meeting 11/15 at 6:30: All parents are voting members of GES and are invited to attend!

NO SCHOOL 11/24 & 11/25: There will be no school due to Thanksgiving. School resumes Monday, 11/28.