Metacomet Parent Newsletter

NOVEMBER 16, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:

Dear Metacomet Families,

As the weather turns cooler, we want to remind everyone about the importance of sending your child to school with a warm coat each day—especially for outdoor recess!
Even on brisk or chilly days, students go outside for recess whenever weather permits. Outdoor playtime gives our Metacomet students a crucial break to stretch, burn off energy, and socialize with friends. Having a proper coat ensures they can fully enjoy their time outdoors comfortably and stay warm and protected against the cold.
Quick Reminders for Cold Weather:

- **Layer Up: Send your child with a coat, as well as hats or gloves on especially cold or windy days.**
- **Label Everything: Please write your child's name inside their coat and cold-weather gear. This makes it much easier to return misplaced items back to their rightful owner!**

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our students warm, healthy, and ready to learn and play!

NOVEMBER 2026: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Instument Lessons Begin (Grade 5 only)	**3** Election Day: No School	**4**	**5**	**6**
9	**10** 6:00 pm: Children's Museum's Science Night at Metacomet	**11** Veteran's Day: No School	**12**	**13** *Spirit Day: Wear Red White and Blue to support our Veterans. $1.00 donations
16	**17**	**18** PTO Executive Board Virtual Meeting at 6:00 pm https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89428317125?pwd=BslxNdvqgd0VatsbSXqt9hsU9h7WxQ.1	**19** Fundraiser Pick Up: 3:00-6:00 pm	**20** Spirit Day: *Wear your favorite Sports Team or Club Shirt *Students of the Month Breakfast *2:00: Community Forum
23	**24**	**25** No School: Thanksgiving Break	**26** No School: Thanksgiving	**27** No School: Thanksgiving Break
30 Picture Retake Day				

SEE BELOW FOR THE "IMPORTANCE OF STUDENTS PRACTICING READING

IMPORTANCE OF STUDENTS PRACTICING READING IN GRADES 3-5

LEARNING TO READ (GRADES K-2)

READING TO LEARN (GRADES 3-5)



1



BUILDS BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Connecting ideas in science, history, and literature.

2



EXPANDS VOCABULARY

Encountering and understanding complex, specific words in context.

3



DEEPENS COMPREHENSION

Analyzing characters, themes, and complex plots.

4



IMPROVES FLUENCY

Building reading speed, accuracy, and expression.

5



BOOSTS ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Foundation for success in all subjects, from math to science.

6



FOSTERS EMPATHY & CRITICAL THINKING

Understanding perspectives and analyzing arguments.

A brief guide for practice and growth.