

Learning and Loving It!

The County Road and Luther Lee Emerson...

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 10/8 No HW Night
- 10/8 Preschool Me & My Dance 5PM @ CRS
- 10/13 LLE Picture Day
- 10/14 CRS Picture Day

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

On September 16, 2026, Luther Lee Emerson School celebrated the opening of our new playground with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony!

A huge thank you to our Playground Committee, PTO, and Demarest Board of Education for helping make this exciting addition possible. Our students are so grateful for their new playground and are loving every minute of it!



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Spotlight on Kindergarten

Kindergarten News: **The Kissing Hand**

A Special First Day of School

By: The Kindergarten Team



The first day of kindergarten can bring many different feelings. Some children may feel nervous about being away from their families, while others feel excited to begin a new adventure. Our kindergarten class learned about these feelings through the story *The Kissing Hand*.

In the story, Chester Raccoon is nervous about his first day of school. His mother teaches him about the “**Kissing Hand**,” a special kiss placed in the middle of his hand. Whenever Chester misses home, he can press his hand to his cheek and remember that his mother’s love is always with him.

After reading the story, our class talked about what it feels like to start school. We also thought about times when we have felt **excited, nervous, brave, or happy**.

To make the lesson special, we created our own **Kissing Hand** artwork. We colored and decorated hands with hearts, and wrote about how we felt on the first day of kindergarten. One student shared, “**I felt excited!**”

The Kissing Hand reminds us that even when we are away from our families, we are never without their love. It also teaches us that being brave means trying something new—even when we feel a little nervous.

Kindergarten is a new adventure, and our class is ready to learn, grow, and make wonderful memories together! ❤️🐾

welcome to
kindergarten



September 25, 2026

Dear CRS and LLE Families,

It is incredible to think that we are entering the last week of September. I am so proud of our students as they have been embracing school each day and engaged in learning. Yes, it is true that entering school in the mornings may be a little difficult for some. However, the staff is always here to support your child no matter how they enter our doors.

Last Friday was our 3rd annual Back to School Blast. This event is one that welcomes all within our school community to come together, socialize and most of all watch the students have a blast! To say thank you does not do justice to the amount of work that our PTO and all volunteers put into making this event a true success. I am beyond grateful to all those who worked tirelessly in a collaborative manner for the students.

Please read and click on the information below:

- **Ruler**-The Demarest Public School District has been working hard to establish [RULER](#) as a district-wide social-emotional learning approach over the past four years. During this time, teachers and staff have received ongoing training and professional development, while students have participated in RULER lessons for the past three years. Our implementation has focused on building a common language around emotions through tools such as the Mood Meter, Charter, and Meta-Moment.
 - This year, we are continuing to deepen and expand our implementation by strengthening our use of the Meta-Moment and introducing the Blueprint. We are also working to extend RULER beyond the classroom by engaging parents and the broader community, creating a more consistent and connected approach to social-emotional learning across our schools, homes, and community.
- **CRS Families**-The sidewalk and curb on County Road is not a drop-off point. Kindly refrain from leaving your car there in the morning and afternoon.
- [Parent/Student Handbook](#)-This is something that you all checked off reading when answering the portal questions. However, I wanted to put it in here as a reminder and for your review.
- **Upcoming October Events:**

Date/Time	Event
10/8	• No Homework Night • Preschool Me & My Dance-5:00-6:00 at CRS
10/13	LLE Picture Day
10/14	CRS Picture Day
10/30	Halloween Parades: • 9:00-Preschool • 1:00-K & 1st • 2:15-LLE

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Frank J. Mazzini
Principal