

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

I hope you are all doing well. Here's a quick update for the week of 10/21-10/25.

Teddy Bear Project—The Teddy Bear Picnic is this tomorrow! The teddy bears look fantastic, and I bet they're having a great time with the classroom all to themselves tonight. The picnic lunch will be tomorrow from 11:15-11:45. Join us if you can!

Spirit Rally Honorees—Congratulations to Ainsley and Marcelo who will be honored tomorrow for showing this month's character trait: respect. They value all persons, treat others with dignity, and respect differences. Great work, you two!

Conferences—Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with me this week. I learned a lot about each student and their families. I hope that you gained some insight into their school day. I will copy and send home the progress report for next week's golden folders. If you would like a copy of the oral presentation video file, send in a labeled jump drive/usb drive/thumb drive. I will try to get it copied for you and sent home the next day.

Volunteers—Thanks to all that volunteered/will volunteer this week. It was great to have help during math time, and I have fun bear activities in store for tomorrow's volunteers. Many parents were on the ball this week and found their TB paperwork or are being retested. If you haven't, please look into it soon so we can enjoy your help.

Halloween—We will treat October 31<sup>st</sup> as a normal instructional day. No costumes, please. If you would like to send in a treat (i.e. pencils, erasers, etc), we will pass out any fun items at the end of the school day.

Thanksgiving Celebration Change—Please note the change on your calendars: Wednesday, November 20 (instead of Thursday, November 21).

Accelerated Reader—We had our first two students ace their AR tests today. If your child is ready to take an AR test, they should go to a classroom computer during the *beginning* of their early/late bird time or test during our computer lab time on Thursdays. Students should be testing at school, NOT at home.

Language arts: We read *The Three Bears* by Paul Galdone. We completed a story map identifying characters/setting/problem/solution. We also identified the components that are fictional. We will compare the three bears to the real bears from our science studies tomorrow.

Math: We finished up our addition strategies chapter with a lesson on drawing pictures to solve word problems. We opened up our subtraction strategies chapter with a lesson on using a number line to count back. Tomorrow we will do some bear graphing.

Science/Social Studies: This week was Red Ribbon Week, and we were too cool for drugs. We watched some BrainPop videos that taught us about the harmful effects of drugs, and we discussed ways to stay healthy instead. During science, we read several books about the different types of bears in the world. We labeled a diagram of a bear with its body parts.

Specials: Despite the short school days, we were able to make many of our specials. We continued our library routine, we reviewed songs with Mr. Wulff, and Mrs. Bentz taught us how to use the Type To Learn program (which is accessible from home, as well).

Important dates:

- Friday, Oct. 25: Teddy Bear Picnic (11:15-11:45), Collaboration Day (8:10-12:45 for everyone), Spirit Rally (9:35)
- Saturday, Oct. 26: Halloween Haunt; 10:00 – 4:00 (La Canada Elementary)
- Tuesday, Oct. 29: PCR Robotics Club Meeting; 3:00 – 3:50 pm (MPR), Site Council Meeting; 3:15 pm (Library)
- Thursday, Oct. 31: Panther Wear Sale ends
- Friday, Nov. 1: Reflections Deadline, Founders' Day Nomination Deadline, Gift Card Sales end
- Sunday, Nov. 3: Daylight Savings Ends
- Tuesday, Nov. 5: Dine-Out, Panda Express (Noon – 10 pm)
- Wednesday, Nov. 6: PTA Meeting, 9:15 am (MPR)
- Friday, Nov. 8: Collaboration Day (8:10-12:45)

As always, contact me with any questions. Enjoy your Friday and weekend! I hope to see you tomorrow!

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