

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

Happy November! I hope you are all doing well. Here's a quick update for the week of 10/28-11/1.

Collaboration Day—The first grade team met last Friday and shared results from the 1st quarter benchmark assessment in math. We also discussed math pacing to keep us on target for the 2nd quarter. We planned the different forms of writing (persuasive, informative, narrative, letter, list) that we will target in November. We also debriefed and shared positive notes from parent conferences. Lastly, we finalized plans for the Thanksgiving and Winter programs.

Thanksgiving Celebration—We will hold our Thanksgiving Celebration on Wednesday, November 20. The students are working on songs, poems, and messages to share with you. We will then feast on Pilgrim Stew. I sent a note home in the golden folders with an assigned ingredient. Please have that ingredient here by Tuesday, November 19. Let me know if you have any questions.

Language arts: We read several fiction and nonfiction books with a Halloween theme. One of this week's favorites was The Three Bears' Halloween. The students compared the actions of the familiar characters in this book to their actions in The Three Bears that we read last week. In addition to blending, segmenting, and substituting phonemes, we identified the vowel groups in words to help us count syllables. We also worked on identifying nouns (things you can see: people, places, things, animals) and adjectives (describing words) in sentences.

Math: We finished up our subtraction strategies chapter on subtraction strategies, such as counting back and thinking addition to subtract. We also looked for key words in story problems to help us decide when to add or subtract (i.e. "in all," "how many more," "are left").

Science/Social Studies: We learned about the history, traditions, and symbols of Halloween. We also practiced sequencing the life cycle of a pumpkin.

Specials: We read Click, Clack, Boo! and checked out books with Mrs. Pahk, painted a pumpkin scene with Mrs. Choi, started a multi-day create-a-book project with Mrs. Bentz, and sang Halloween songs with Mr. Wulff.

Important dates:

- Sunday, Nov. 3: Daylight Savings Ends
- Tuesday, Nov. 5: Dine-Out, Panda Express (Noon – 10 pm), Election Day (PLEASE VOTE!)
- Wednesday, Nov. 6: PTA Meeting, 9:15 am (MPR)
- Friday, Nov. 8: Collaboration Day (8:10-12:45)
- Monday, Nov. 11: **VETERAN'S DAY; NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday, Nov. 12: Site Council Meeting, 3:15 (Library), Astronomy Night, 5:00 – 7:00 pm (Lower Playground)
- Wednesday, Nov. 13: LCFEF Jog-a-thon (Lower Playground)

As always, contact me with any questions. Enjoy your post-Halloween weekend!

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