

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

I hope you are all doing well. Here's a quick update for the week of 11/12-11/15.

Collaboration Day—Last Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup> grade team went to a technology training at the district office. We learned about different applications available on the iPad and how we can use them in the classroom.

Thanksgiving Celebration—It's coming up on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The students have been working hard on memorizing poems and songs to perform for you. We would love for you to join us from 10:30-11:30 in the classroom. Also, make sure to send in your food item by Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> so that our Pilgrim Stew will be complete. Let me know if you need any help. I will be sending individual reminders soon.

Jog-A-Thon—What a great event this was! The school looked amazing in their matching t-shirts. The Room 13 students impressed with the number of laps they ran. If you have found more sponsors in the past few days, funds will be collected through December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Monthly Oral Presentations: Great job on this week's presentations! Nathan, Sophia Barton, Sophia Sandman, and Tait are scheduled to present next week. See the class website <http://firstgradewithmrsbeyer.weebly.com/> for more information.

Language arts: This week, we practiced the /z/ sound spelled z-, -zz, or -s. We also looked at words ending in -ss and -ff. Tomorrow we will practice the /sh/ digraph. We turned some singular nouns into plural nouns by adding -s at the end. Students should be able to tell you that plural means more than one.

Math: We completed tables by following a given addition or subtraction rule. We also found different ways to make a given number (i.e. 4 can be made with 2+2, 3+1, 10-6, and 4-0).

Science/Social Studies: My Army and Navy friends felt very honored to receive letters from some of our students. If your student wrote to a friend or family member, I hope their veteran enjoyed their letter just as much. We studied turkeys this week and learned all kinds of interesting facts. As a wrap-up, we did a pre-write for an informative writing piece, and we will finish our final drafts tomorrow.

Specials: Due to the holiday, we missed our library time this week. We continued our create-a-book project with Mrs. Bentz, which will wrap up next week. We practiced "Li'l Liza Jane," with Mr. Wulff, and he taught us some coordinating dance moves. Mrs. Choi taught us about warm and cool colors. She read us the tale The Sun and The Wind, and students used pastels and paint to make a windy scene.

Important dates:

- Monday-Thursday Nov. 18-21: Book Fair (MPR)
- Monday, Nov. 18: Last day for Spanish (Gracias, Sra. Hurley!)
- Tuesday, Nov. 19: Please send in your ingredient for the Thanksgiving Celebration.
- Wednesday, Nov. 20: Thanksgiving Celebration (Room 13, 10:30-11:30)
- Thursday, Nov. 21: Dads' Committee Meeting (MPR, 7:00pm)

-Monday-Friday Nov. 25-29: No School. Happy Thanksgiving!!

As always, contact me with any questions.

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The First Thanksgiving

By Jack Prelutsky

When the Pilgrims  
First gathered together to share  
With their Indian friends  
In the mild autumn air,  
They lifted their voices in jubilant praise  
For the bread on the table,  
The berries and maize,  
For field and for forest,  
For turkey and deer,  
For the bountiful crops  
They were blessed with that year.

They were thankful for these  
As they feasted away,  
And as they were thankful,  
We're thankful today.