

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

I hope you are all doing well. Here's a quick update for the week of 11/18-11/22.

Homework—Over Fall Break, I am sending a list of activities for your child for “homework” that varies from the usual routine. Have fun with it! I am also attaching the homework for the following week, which will be due December 6th.

Thanksgiving Celebration—The students did an amazing job performing the songs and reading their thankful paragraphs. Thank you so much for coming to watch and support them. Thank you for sending in your feast item. A huge thank you to the volunteers that helped set up and clean up. We had a lovely time! I didn't get a chance to take very many pictures, but if you did, don't forget to post them at <https://mrsbeyersfirstgrade201314.shutterfly.com/>. I have several pictures still sitting on my memory card that I need to post as well. Also...the Pilgrim Stew recipe is typed up below. Super easy!

Training Day—The First Grade Team attended a writing conference yesterday and received great ideas on how to organize and lead writing workshops in the classroom. I haven't been to the classroom yet, but I heard the students had an eventful rainy day.

Jog-A-Thon—I read that PCR is currently in the lead, but short of their number of participants goal. Funds will be collected through December 13th, so give if you can.

Monthly Oral Presentations: Great job on this week's presentations! Now it's already time to start preparing for December's round of presentations. Ainsley, Amanda, Benny, Danica, Eli, and Haven are scheduled to present the week we return. See the class website <http://firstgradewithmrsbeyer.weebly.com/> for more information.

Language arts: This week, we practiced the h brothers: sh, th, ch, wh, and ph. Our decodable books each focused on one digraph. We also worked on adding sensory details to sentences to make them more interesting. We read stories and poems focused on transportation.

Math: We finally wrapped up a long stretch of addition and subtraction chapters. This chapter related addition and subtraction with fact families. Starting today, we will explore data and graphs.

Science/Social Studies: We focused on Thanksgiving this week. We read several nonfiction books about the first Thanksgiving and made pilgrim and Native American crafts.

Specials: Mrs. Pahk read a few Thanksgiving books to us. The guest teacher took us to finish our create-a-book project with Mrs. Bentz and to sing with Mr. Wulff.

Important dates:

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

-Friday, Dec. 6: Polar Express Day (10:45-11:30)

-Friday, Dec. 13: Collaboration Day (8:10-12:45), Spirit Rally (9:35, Lower Playground)

-Wednesday, Dec. 18: Winter Program (MPR, 8:20 **Note Date Change)

As always, contact me with any questions. A very happy Thanksgiving to you all!

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Pilgrim Stew

1 bag of frozen, cut string beans

1 bag of frozen sliced carrots

1 bag of frozen corn kernels

2 cans of kidney beans

2 cans of stewed tomatoes

2 large cans of tomato juice (on juice aisle)

1 small box of Minute Rice

Garlic powder, salt, pepper, soy sauce, bay leaves, dried pepper flakes--season to taste.

Throw it in a slow cooker for a few hours until everything is heated. 😊