

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

It's almost turkey time! I hope you are all doing well. Here's a quick update for the week of 11/4-11/8.

Collaboration Day—Don't forget to make adjustments for the collaboration day schedule tomorrow...8:10-12:45.

Thanksgiving Celebration—It's coming up on Wednesday, November 20th. Don't forget to send in your item for the feast before that time. Also, I am adding one of the more difficult pieces that we plan on performing for you, "The First Thanksgiving," to the end of this email. If you could, please rehearse it a bit with your child at home.

Jog-A-Thon—Wednesday, November 13th will be the Jog-A-Thon fundraiser. I sent home a t-shirt today. Please make sure to have your child rock that shirt next Wednesday. Your child has a little less than a week left to find more sponsors.

Monthly Oral Presentations: Ainsley, Amanda, Benny, Danica, and Eli did an outstanding job on their presentations this week. Isaac, Isabel, and Jack present tomorrow, and Katherine, Kelsey, Maeve, Marcelo, Max, and Mia are scheduled for next week. See the class website <http://firstgradewithmrsbeyer.weebly.com/> for more information.

Language arts: This week, we wrapped up Unit 2 on Animals and began Unit 3, Things That Go. We practiced the sounds /j/ (spelled j and -dge), /f/ (spelled f and -ff), and /ë/. We added -'s to a noun to show possession (i.e. Sam's shoe). We identified nouns and adjectives.

Math: We are relating addition to subtraction by completing fact families or creating our own fact families. For example, 2, 5, and 7 make $2+5=7$, $5+2=7$, $7-2=5$, and $7-5=2$. When adding, the greatest number is the sum (in this case, 7). When subtracting, the greatest number is the minuend (or the number from which another number is subtracted).

Science/Social Studies: In preparation for Veteran's Day, we talked about the different branches of the armed forces (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard). We wrote letters to veterans. If your child didn't know a veteran, they wrote to one of my veteran friends.

Specials: We read about bears and bear poetry with Mrs. Pahk, continued our create-a-book project with Mrs. Bentz, and learned a new song, "Li'l Liza Jane," with Mr. Wulff.

Important dates:

- 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—wear your t-shirt!)
- 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)

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

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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.