

November 18, 2019



Dear Parents,

We have just a week and a half before Thanksgiving break!!  Thinking of this past week makes me smile. I received so much love and attention ALL week for my birthday -I am still floating on cloud nine. And as a grand finale, I enjoyed seventeen turkey presentations that were entertaining and persuasive. I'm pretty sure I am the luckiest teacher, ever!

Our themes for the next week and a half will include: The first harvest celebration - We will explore the relationships between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoags. Our class will be reading Thanksgiving on Thursday (Magic Treehouse book) and work in small literature circles to discuss and analyze the chapters. Folktales about nature is another focus. We will be reading and learning to identify the elements of a folktale - And perhaps we'll get to write some of our own. I found a great skill plan on IXL to support this unit. If you are interested in looking at your child's skill plan, ask them to log into their account, and you can locate the skill plan under Reading Wonders - not Journeys - Unit 4 *Our Life Our World* - Week 4. A skill plan is included for the students each week to support the standards that are embedded in the weeks' plan. The children know how to access this resource as it is part of their weekly routine. We will also take a closer look at the historical significance of the Pilgrims' and Native American settlement as will be take a virtual fieldtrip to Plymouth Plantation - We will also get to tour the Mayflower. Our culmination experience will be a Pow-wow in the classroom with Miss Susan - It's one of my favorite experiences each year.

In science, we move to seed dispersal - We will explore the surprising idea that plants can actually move around. The primary way they do this is by dispersing their seeds. Each child will choose one of three seed models to build, and practice dropping the seeds from a height, in order to avoid the dreaded "zone of darkness" (i.e. the shade!) We will be watching some amazing examples of seeds being spread by wind, water, and animals here: https://archive.org/details/ThePrivateLifeOfPlants_581

Reminders:

- Look for your child's picture to come home on Monday. Sorry for not sending on Friday.
- Guest Reader this week: Tracy Bironas on Tuesday, Vic Topper on Wednesday, and Micah Blue on Thursday. If you can't make it and need to cancel, no worries.
- Town Meeting is Tuesday the 26th at the end of the day - 2:00.
- Report cards will be sent home on Friday.

Have a wonderful week!



Respectfully,
Mrs. Linda Hall