

# Happy Thanksgiving!



We have had a very happy and "thankful" week of school!

Here are some highlights of our learning experiences this week:

\*Math: We are learning to use the strategy we call "Making Ten" to solve addition problems more efficiently (easily and quickly). We know that "9 needs 1" to make 10, "8 needs 2" and "7 needs 3." Please check out your child's daily math papers to see how this works.

\*Spelling: The DIGRAPH "ch" was pretty easy for us, but "th" has been a bit more problematic. And it's such an important digraph, with so many important and frequently-used words in this category (this, that, these, those, then, them, etc.). So we have given some additional time and attention to these words throughout this week. Our next digraph is "sh" - easy peasy! 😊

\*Writing: We have moved from personal narratives (which we will continue to write throughout the year, of course!) to OPINION pieces. We know that the writer of an opinion piece should state his/her opinion, give at least 3 reasons for that opinion, and support those reasons with details. The piece should end (as all do) with a strong closing statement. Our next "On Demand" piece will be an "opinion"

piece. (We have already written a pre-assessment piece concerning how we feel about PEANUT BUTTER, as November is "National Peanut Butter Week." Who knew???)

\*Social Studies: What fun we have had learning all about "Life Long Ago." I believe that your child's next homework assignment will be very special and enlightening. Please try to use the Thanksgiving holiday as an opportunity to get started on this interesting assignment.

\*Core Essentials: We have discussed HONOR throughout this month of November. We are excited to HONOR our families at Thanksgiving, showing family members how we value them.

Here's what you can look forward to throughout the month of December:

\*\*a study of HANUKKAH following our Thanksgiving break

\*\*one of my favorite days of the year . . . CHRISTMAS IN ANCHORAGE on Saturday, December 14th

\*\*rehearsals for our Christmas program (and the program itself, details TBA)

\*\*our class' holiday party on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> --- Please remember that your child should bring a GIFT BOOK for a classmate. The book should be wrapped and tagged with your child's name ONLY. Please be sure that the book would be appreciated by either girl or boy, and by a child of any reading level.

\*\*We will be in need of strong and sturdy SHOPPING BAGS - with handles! - to tote our things home after our holiday party. As you do your holiday shopping on Black Friday ☺, please be sure to save one (or more) for us. Thank you!

