



November 25th, 2019

Dear Parents,

Greetings! We have two days of school until we're off for a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday - I will be traveling over the break and won't be able to send a December 2nd newsletter so this newsletter will reflect the activities in our classroom for the next seven school days.

Weekly Reminders and Updates:

- In science we will be wrapping up our seed dispersal unit with two culminating activities: First, we'll work with a partner to design a model to move seeds from one part of the room to another. Then, we'll "show what we know" as we complete our first CER (claim, evidence, reasoning) writing. The final part to seed exploration will take place in the spring when we connect our seed learning to pollination.
- Geography and History focus is the 13 colonies - We will use an interactive notebook full of 2nd grade reading that will help us learn pertinent information about the colonies.
- We continue our Thanksgiving on Thursday book club as well as our folktale/fable reading - I have several short stories that the children will read while learning to identify the moral of the story - Our IXL skill plan is *A Froggy Fable* and can be found under the skill plan for **Reading Street** 2nd grade - unit 4 week 1.
- In math we have four more lessons in module 3 which covers # patterns, more than/less than concepts, place value. I will also include time, money, and measurement.
- Our Holiday Party will be Friday, the 20th 1:00 - 2:00. It looks like our room mothers have already started planning. Every year our class participates in a book exchange. It's a wonderful way to celebrate our reading while sharing a favorite book with a classmate. The boys buy a book for a boy, and the girls buy a book for a girl. The books need to be wrapped with a tag that reads "**To Girl**" if it's from a girl or "**To Boy**" if it's from a boy. Spend no more than \$8.00 on the book. Encourage your child to give a book that he/she would enjoy reading. Please send in books by Tuesday, December 17th.
- In writer's workshop we are learning to write great beginning for a narrative story. We will also be learning how to write a friendly letter.
- Guest readers - Markus Winkler on Monday the 25th, Zoe's grandparents on Monday, December the 3rd, and Micah Blue on Thursday, December the 5th.
- We have a field trip to the Derby Dinner Playhouse on December 14th to see, "*Christmas in Candyland*" The following parents have been chosen to attend this field trip: Jamie Lee, Kimberly LeBoeuf, and Tammy Young. Please send an email confirming that you are planning to attend the field trip.
- Miss Susan and I have planned a special two-day Thanksgiving Unit that includes butter making, role playing, singing, dancing, and more. We're happy that Lucy DeSmet will be here on Tuesday to provide an extra pair of hands for all the fun -)

Respectfully,
Mrs. Linda Hall

Note: There is NO homework this week - BEE binders will not be sent home.