

## Happy Thanksgiving!

Have a great day with your friends and family!



## What is happening in the Classroom...

I hope that everyone had a nice weekend! It was hard to go back to “normal” weather after having the 70’s for almost a week!

I will not write a newsletter for next week as we have only have two half days. So, I would like to wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving.

I look forward to meeting with each of you in a week as we discuss your child’s progress in fourth grade. Your conference times have been scheduled online.

We (Mrs. Russo and I) will let you into the meeting when your conference is scheduled. We will do our best to stay on time.

Be sure to check out your child’s report card if you haven’t done so already! They all had a great first quarter!!! I am beyond proud of them!

Our next book report for quarter two will be a sandwich report. I sent the papers last week. I would like them to pick a book (please no graphic novels) with at least 120 pages (there was a mistake made on the book report itself) A fiction book works best for this report. I would like book titles by November 20<sup>th</sup>. This book report will be due on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our class has reached our 500-letter goal for using SELF CONTROL! On November 20<sup>th</sup> they will receive an afternoon movie and treat. It is my way of thanking them for their awesome behavior in and out of the classroom!

On Thursday, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are participating in the National Hurricane Center’s webinar on hurricanes. This is a highly informative webinar on hurricanes and the safety that goes along with hurricanes. It will also help explain why this year’s hurricane season continues to be very active.

Our kids are doing great with bringing in donations for the food drive. As of Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we collected \$198. Way to go! Our class has set a goal of \$150 and surpassed it. The food drive ends on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, so keep on donating!!!

On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> is a dress up day- wear your favorite sports jersey. Hmmmm, I wonder what Chicago jersey I will be wearing??

As of November 20<sup>th</sup>, I will have Edge2day completely up to date with grades for second quarter. IF there is a zero, your child did not turn in the assignment, if you see an INC it means your child was absent and needs to complete the work. Please continue to check this wonderful website to keep up on your child’s grades. **As always with a zero or INC please complete the assignment and turn it in as they will receive credit.**

Keep scanning in those boxtops,. If you have questions about the app, please ask me, I am more than willing to help.

Advent begins on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Remember to get out those Advent wreaths and pray each day as the season of preparing begins.



## Onto Business....

Religion: We are going to finish chapter 5 this week. Our test on this chapter will be Wednesday. I will review in class with questions from the test. They will need to review/ read the chapter the night before the test for review. We will then begin Chapter 6.

**Math:** Our studies this week center around addition. We will look at 4-digit addition, adding larger numbers and adding 3 or more addends and then we jump into subtraction after Thanksgiving. We will continue our addition quizzes this week.

**Science:** This week we wrap up Angiosperms and gymnosperms with a review on Tuesday and a test on Wednesday. We then start a new study of science this week- vertebrates and invertebrates. We will begin with identifying between vertebrates and invertebrates, identify the characteristics of vertebrates and how to classify them.

**Reading:** Last week Chester, Tucker and Harry Cat celebrated Chester being in NYC for 2 months. With that celebration came a disaster. Ask your kids what happened. Those events lead us to our next two chapters "The Jinx and Mr. Smedley." Chester may win over Mrs. Bellini after the disastrous fire at the newsstand. We will add a few more vocabulary words and work on learning them for our final test.

**Social Studies:** This week we continue our focus in reading on how the United States has become such a diverse nation made up of people from many different backgrounds and cultures. Students are learning why many explorers and settlers came to North America, beginning with Columbus on the Santa Maria in the 1400's up through the Europeans who traveled through many parts of North America during the 1500's and 1600's in search of a trade route by sea to Asia.

**Language:** This week in language arts we will return to our vocabulary and spelling workbook study with our Unit 5 test to end the week on Friday. We will also be exploring Nouns, both singular and plural and nouns with Y endings. Students finished up their "spectacular" personal narratives on Friday of last week and celebrated the Publishing phase of the writing process by sharing their narratives aloud with each other at the front of the class!



## Our Calendar...

November 20<sup>th</sup>: Sport Dress up day and last day for the Food Drive donations

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: ½ day (noon dismissal) Parent Teacher conferences, No Extended Day

November 24<sup>th</sup>: ½ day (noon dismissal) Parent Teacher conferences, No Extended Day

Last day to turn in cookie dough orders

November 25<sup>th</sup>-November 30<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break! Enjoy time with family

**Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!**

Have a wonderful two weeks and a Happy, Blessed Thanksgiving!

*Mrs. Olson* ☺

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5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: Our week begins with multiplying money. We will continue to work on all of the concepts that have been presented in the chapter. We round out the week with the story problems where we need to use more than one step to solve the problem. As of right now, we will have our test on chapter 2 after Thanksgiving.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: As we continue our study of the periodic chart we will concentrate on identifying elements of a chemical formula, what happens during chemical bonding and describing metallic bonding and ionic bonding. I am looking forward to hearing their element presentations. This Thursday we will join the National Hurricane Center's Hurricane Webinar. This webinar will help us understand our very active hurricane season this year.