

November 2, 2017

Hi Everyone,

Students started their mummies this week. They carved apples, and now the “apple mummies” are curing before they make their journey to the afterlife. Next week, we will work on hieroglyphs and each student will work to make a “cartouche” of their name. We will also be working on the sarcophagus for each mummy and decorating them. We will start our new book groups next week. Grades 4-6 will be reading *The Golden Goblet* and the grades 7-8 will be reading *Mara, Daughter of the Nile*. Both books are by the same author, Eloise Jarvis McGraw. We are keeping the same vocabulary list next week and will have a test on words 1-10. Graded work folders will be going home on Monday. Please look over the work, sign the slip in the folder and then return the folder **and the work** to school by Thursday. We will be using this graded work to compile portfolios for conferences. You may be seeing your child doing more work at home, because as the second grading period starts I will be making students redo work that is not up to classroom standards.

As we are looking over the attendance for the first grading period, I am noticing more tardies and absences than I usually see so early in the year. As outlined in the handbook, the school will be sending you a letter for each time your child goes over ten tardies or absences. These letters will be placed in the student’s file as well. The most important thing is that the students are missing the beginning of our day where we work on organization and discuss our assignments and projects for the day. They are also missing valuable instruction time. My concern is my students. Students who are working are distracted by late arrivals, and it means I must take time from helping those already working individually to get the late student settled. It is even harder on the student who arrives late as they are playing catch-up for the whole day and sometimes the whole week. When a child is late, it makes it difficult for them to have a productive day.

I will have a list of things that we need for the students to make their pies for the feast by November 9 and would like to have the items back to the classroom by November 17, so I can purchase missing items that weekend and we can be ready to prepare our dessert on Monday, November 20. I hope you have all remembered to RSVP to the office. We are looking forward to seeing you all and enjoying the wonderfully creative dishes everyone brings.

Thinking of the feast, if any of you have old silverware place settings or utensils, please consider donating them to the school. As many of you are aware, we are making a concerted effort to bring CNS back in line with its green school philosophy. To that end we are teaching the value of using and re-using things and becoming a throw-away culture. Any flatware donated would be gratefully received and lovingly used and cared for.

Thanks to the parents who donated to our mummy project. It is much appreciated. I am still hoping for donations of fimo/sculpy polymer clay for next week’s projects. I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend and can spend time being able to enjoy your children’s company.

Remember if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me so we can provide the best education possible for your child.

Best wishes,

Carla

### **Upcoming Events**

Friday, November 3: End of the Grading Period and No School or Childcare

Friday, November 10: No School for Veterans’ Day Observation

Tuesday, November 21: Thanksgiving Feast at 11:00

    Noon Dismissal with No Childcare

Tuesday, November 28: PSAT Registration for Grade 8 students at 8:30

Thursday, November 3-Saturday, December 2: SIU Craft Fair at Student Center

## **Egypt Wish List**

Plain unbleached muslin or plain white or cream fabric

Acrylic Paint

Polystyrene trays (fruit & meat come on these from grocery)

Fimo or Sculpy polymer clay

Air-dry clay

Plaster of Paris

Elmer's glue

Newspapers

Card stock