

11 November 2018

Dear Upper School family and friends,

Happy Veterans' Day. I hope you are all enjoying your three-day weekend. Since next week will be even shorter than this one, I decided to send home graded work folders on Tuesday, please return them by Friday. There are a lot of papers since we have had short weeks recently.

The students decided to make apple pies for the Thanksgiving Feast and I have been trying to think of a way to divide up the ingredients. We need frozen pie crusts and apple pie filling. This week we are also going to make pomanders, so each student needs to bring in a box/tin of whole cloves. I already bought all the bulk cloves at the Coop and have purchased oranges for the whole class. We need the cloves as soon as possible and the pie ingredients by Friday, November 16.

Students will work on their castle models this week, rehearsing their play, practicing the all-school song, making pomanders, and doing lots of math. We will need to make small gifts for our buddy reveal to the prekindergarten and kindergarten buddies. Does anyone have any ideas for a project/craft that all the students can work on for their buddies? Students are also working on coming up with costumes for their play and might need some suggestions for that as well. It is going to be a very casual play as far as set changes and costume changes go.

The weather for Wednesday's field trip to Castle Park is supposed to be sunny but cold, so make sure the kids have plenty of warm layers on since we will be outside longer than usual. A couple of students have asked that we do a scavenger hunt at the park. Unfortunately, none of them have turned in the questions I asked for to use on the hunt. Do any of you have questions that would work at Castle Park for a scavenger hunt? I haven't been there in years, so I don't trust myself to make questions.

Thank you so much to all the parents and students and siblings who came out on Saturday to work around the school. Thank you also to that core group of families who came out earlier because they couldn't be here Saturday. You guys are truly the backbone of CNS.

Things look so great. The leadership group from SIU were amazing with all the painting they completed. I felt like I was in the wrong building when I went in to feed Hershey this morning.

Speaking of Hershey, he will be leaving on his winter vacation next Friday. Stop in and tell him bye if you get a chance. I would like to picture him on a beach sipping umbrella drinks, but unfortunately, he is only going to my house. He will be getting his yearly vet check, shots, and claws clipped at this time. Probably not his idea of a good vacation either.

Another reminder, please check your children's supplies. Pens do not last forever and it's frustrating when the same students forget their materials repeatedly. The cardboard castle models have arrived, so we will work on them and our *made from scratch* castle model starting Tuesday. Students should be on the look out for materials to use. A couple of families have brought in some cardboard and I have brought in several things that they should be able to use. I plan to pick up some duct tape before they start work on these Tuesday.

Best wishes,

Carla

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 12: Holiday, No School

Start of Food Drive

Wednesday, November 14: Castle Park Field Trip

Tuesday, November 20: Thanksgiving Feast

November 21-23: No School

Wish List: *Duct tape, washi tape, acrylic paint (especially metallics), and Swiffer Duster refills*