

1st-3rd Grade Newsletter
November 18, 2016

This newsletter will include activities for the next 2 weeks November 18th –December 2nd .

Thanksgiving Feast Information: Families are welcomed in the classroom at 10:30 to read with your child. At 11:00, the feast will begin and you can take your child and get in line for some delicious food that will be set up in the art room and Carla's room. Tables and chairs will be in the playroom and cafeteria where you can sit with other families. School dismisses at noon with no childcare.

Checklists: Checklist will be submitted to you electronically on Tuesday. Please email me any questions or concerns.

Barnes and Noble Displays: Students have been working on assignments for the Barnes and Noble Book Fair on December 10th. We will be spending much of the week after Thanksgiving Break finishing up these projects. *Please contact me if you would like to donate a tri-fold to display our projects.* It would be greatly appreciated.

Computer Training: On November 30th, Jennifer Conwell-Barnes from Brehm along with her students will be teaching students how to use our Mac computers. I am so excited about this, because I have been antsy to use them.

Conferences:

Conferences for our class will be after-school on December 14th and all day on the 15th. I have included a schedule of times. Please choose 3 times that would work for you and your child, and email me as soon as possible. These are student led conferences; your child will be presenting what they have learned so far this school year

Math

Math will continue as usual in the classroom.

1st- Students will be introduced to a variety of subtraction concepts to help them find the difference.

2nd – We will begin to learn how to regroup (borrow) in subtraction.

Language Arts:

There will be no spelling words until after January. Students will be learning new vocabulary words based on the read aloud stories that we will be reading in class (there will not be a test). Students will be writing daily in their journals, book project assignments and grammar worksheets.

Vocabulary Words this week: gratitude, dignity, hobo, abide, protective, maneuver, implore, indignant, meander, coaxed, parried, declare, elegant, vagabonds, alms, funnel, retort, forlorn, beret

Read Alouds:

Squanto's Journey by Joseph Bruchac

The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson

If You Take a Mouse to the Movies by Laura Numeroff

Stopping By Woods On a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

Keep in mind I will not be checking my email during Thanksgiving Break, to spend time with family and friends. I will respond as soon as possible on Monday, November 28th .