

November 4, 2011

Hello LE 4 Parents,

THANK YOU!!!

We want to thank the parents who signed up to volunteer for Reading Circles: Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Bascom, Mrs. Knouse, Mrs. Matoke, Mrs. Schwinger, and Ms. Rodriguez-Begley. We are excited to have all of you help our children enjoy reading.

Thanks to Mr. Schwinger for fixing several table legs. We recognize the Cuilla Family for the lovely flowers. Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Schwinger, and Mrs. Cuilla all volunteer to make copies, file, and stuff Friday Folders. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Blanchard work with some students, one-on-one, with Sound Partners.

BOOKS FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

For the month of **November**, **Cindy Sotomayor** signed up to get books from the library. Please help us with these topics: vertebrates, Autumn, leaves, parts of plants, Explorers, force and gravity, Johnny Appleseed, firefighters, fire prevention, Pilgrims, Thanksgiving, and the Northeast Native Americans.

HOMEWORK

Homework is coming back to school on a regular basis. Thank you for helping your child develop good study habits. If your child does homework before getting to your home, please check it. If there are mistakes, be gentle and help your child make corrections. Ask your child to check over the work before giving it to you. Thank you.

RECESS

Please have your child bring a water bottle to school each day. Now that the weather is cooler, your child may need a sweater or a light jacket. Please make sure your child's name is printed on the label. Thank you.

We have time slots open for recess volunteers. Recess begins at 11:30 p.m. and goes to 12 noon. We have openings for Monday and Thursday. Hurry before your day gets chosen!

Mrs. Griffith comes Tuesday. Mrs. Sotomayor comes Wednesday. Ms. Ramonita Begley comes Friday. Thank you for helping during recess.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

The topic these days is what are the natural resources and how do plants and animals meet their needs? We're looking at the importance of water and air. In botany we'll focus on the seed, its parts and function to the plant.

MATH

This month some students will study Naming Positions, Counting and Comparing, and Addition and Subtraction. Other students will study Subtraction with Renaming, Measuring Length using non-standard units, Standard units and Metric Units.

LANGUAGE

We'll continue explanatory writing in science and history. We shine a spotlight on the verb and linking verb in grammar.

HISTORY

This month we take a long look at the group of European settlers known as the Pilgrims and the American Indian tribe the Wamponoags. With hands-on activities, maps, and books, we'll travel back in time and see how two groups of people met their basic needs. Begin asking your child about what they're learning.

FIELD TRIP

Our field trip to the NC Museum of History was very successful. We learned a lot about the NC Indian tribes. You need to be proud of your child. The class received four compliments about their appropriate behavior. Thank you for preparing them well.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, Nov. 4 : Early Release Day : 12 Noon

Sunday, Nov. 6: Daylight Savings Time: set clocks back 1 hour

Fri., Nov. 11: Veteran's Day: No School

Fri., Nov. 18: Casa Family Literacy Night: 6 pm. - 8 pm.

Wed., Thurs., Fri., Nov. 23, 24, 25: Thanksgiving: No School

As we look forward towards the end of the second quarter, get your calendars out and mark, Thursday, December 15th from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. for our first musical! You won't want to miss it!!

Remember, we have a lot to be thankful for. I'm grateful to be a citizen of the United States of America. I'm grateful to be working with a wonderful, thoughtful, and kind person whose name is Mrs. Kirk. I'm grateful to each of you for sending your child ready to learn each day. I'm grateful to your child who teaches me how to be a better person each day. And I love Autumn days!

Sincerely,

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