

# Newsletter

## Dates to Remember

December

2: Casa Community  
Early Release,  
UE4 Bake sale

5-9: Book Fair

12: Parent-Teacher  
Conference Sign-up sheets  
in the front office  
(optional)

13: Family Fun night  
4 pm.  
Jason's Deli.

16: WINTER  
CULTURAL  
PRESENTATIONS (1:00  
p.m. for UE4)

January:

2: Teacher work  
day

3 All students  
return to school

6 Progress  
reports go home.

## A Note from the Teachers

OH Yes! December is here. It is a really exciting month for the children and the community. Just keep your work habits and routines steady for a couple more weeks. We are finishing up the second quarter and there are several goals to accomplish yet. Keep up the good work!

Please feel free to contact us with any comments or concerns. The best way to reach us is via email.

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**We are looking forward to a great  
December!**

## Homework Routine

Please keep good homework routines in place, even during this season. The more we work together providing consistency with the expectations, the more successful students will be. Daily homework is made of: Spelling packet, math work, EOG reading practice (one for two weeks), and culture research.

## Winter Celebration

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, UE4 community will have our Winter Cultural Celebration. Students will be sharing with their parents and the community, their research work about Eastern Europe. The celebration will start at 1:00 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

## Winter project

We are researching about Eastern Europe countries and culture. The idea is that students can research on cultural differences and characteristics of each human group around the world. We will be glad to have parents, friends or relatives who are familiar any specific country, tradition or celebration from any country from Eastern Europe. People can make a short presentation, a poster, read a story, play a game, share a dish or make a craft. Just let me know if you have the time and the will to do it and I will help you get it ready. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Appreciations

Thank you to all the families who donate their time and effort for the Thanksgiving celebration. It was really nice to have that time to interact with the families and get to know them a little better. Thanks to the parents who donated cupcakes for the Bake sale. We also want to thanks the reading Buddies who are making a big difference in these children's lives.

## SOS

**We don't have a library volunteer for this month. Can anybody help us please?**

*"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed." M. Montessori*

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This month UE IV will be learning about:

Math:

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Divisions: Fractions, decimals and percents, making graphs and organizing data.

6<sup>th</sup> grade: congruency constructions and parallel lines.

Language:

Nouns: subject, verb and gender agreement, nouns as a direct/indirect object, different sentence constructions. Creative writing in

Writing:

Compare and contrast essays, summaries and note taking skills.

Culture:

Science:

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Ecosystems: animals' adaptation and survival skills.

6<sup>th</sup> grade: Photosynthesis, chemosynthesis, Energy conservation in nature: carbon, nitrogen and oxygen cycles.

Social Studies: Eastern Europe.

**Library books for December**

Please get books about the following topics:

- Countries from Eastern Europe.
- The Balkans Nation
- Middle Ages
- Renaissance
- Ecosystems
- Biomes of the world
- Photosynthesis/  
Chemosynthesis

**Bring the books by December 5 and be sure to take them back by December 16.**

We would happily accept donations of any of the following:

Elmer glue (gallon size)

Adult scissors

Whiteboard eraser

Pencil head erasers

Popsicle sticks (1 Box)

Old magazines

Old newspaper

**One hour of your time to make copies (Thurs. afternoon. or Friday)**

**Cultural projects**

As the year progresses your child is expected to have a better quality (NO pricy necessarily) research and artistic productions for the projects they choose from the work plan. These projects are time consuming and students might take part of the project to do at home. Some students were expressing concern because they do not have time to complete assignments at home. It's very important that you help your child to balance their schedule at home, so they can have time for their extracurricular activities as well as the academic ones. Fifth and sixth grades are highly demanding grades, and at least, one hour of homework is expected each night. You can use this time to help your child with their projects, but at the same time, you'll get to know what there are doing at school and maybe, if you get lucky, they will tell you whatever is going on in their social lives.