

November 22, 2019

Dear Parents,

We were very excited to welcome a new student to our class this week! The students were very enthusiastic to show her around and tell her about our classroom and school. It is always wonderful to see how much they have grown and see their confidence come out.

We had our first visit from the firefighter on Monday. You should have received a note about his visit. They reviewed items that some students might have heard in prek and also he put all of his gear on so they could see and hear him with it on.

We continue to learn about 2-D and 3-D shapes through our number corner routine. We practice counting from different numbers. It is nice to see them picking up the different ways of counting that we practice. Our math groups continue to go well and the children come back excited about what they are doing in their groups.

In our Foundations program we continue to get new letters. We are up to eleven letters (a,b,c,f,g,i,m,n,o,t,u). They are doing more in their literacy groups as well. In our Readers Workshop the students are finishing up with some book handling skills. They are really doing a nice job during the private reading and also the partner time. They will be starting the new unit with "Super Powers" when we return from Thanksgiving break. I am sure you will hear all about it! Our literacy groups are doing well. We will reassess where the children are once we do our winter assessment in December, so some children might be working with different adults. I am including a copy of our letters and key words that we use. You can allow your child to color the pictures and hang it on the fridge or somewhere where they see it and can practice the letters, key words and sounds or make matching games with it.

We have been working on some Thanksgiving fun projects this week and will continue next week. The children need time to do these things as well.

Thank you for sending in the bread, onions and butter for the stuffing. We are so lucky at WRS to have supportive families. You all are how we can continue our traditions.

We are still looking for donations of canned peaches and pears to donate to our senior citizens in the area during the holidays. They will be picked up on Dec. 2. Please consider picking up a can or two to send in with your child to add to our box in our classroom. It is greatly appreciated.

I am sending home another copy of the letter that I gave to you at our conference in case you lost the one I gave to you to help explain the report card as you read it. Remember, we are grading on the end of the year instead of for each term. It can get confusing. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions after looking at your child's report card.

I am also sending home the last book order before the Christmas break today because I won't be sending home a letter next week. It will be due back on or before Friday, December 6. Remember, the code for our class if you go online is GXJYC. If you want any books held for gifts, just let me know and I will contact you when they arrive.

I am also sending home a list of toys that our OT has thought would be good ideas for gift giving. Some of them are really great ideas that you could purchase or suggest to family for gifts. Have fun with the list.

The children brought home leaves on thanks with a note at the beginning of the week. These can be returned and they will be hung on our tree in the front hallway of the school.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Feast for WRS students

Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving Recess, School Reopens on Monday, Dec. 2

Dec. 2: Cans of peaches and pears are due for senior citizens

Nov. 6: Book Order Due (last one before the holidays)

Dec. 7: PTA Craft Fair- 9-2

Dec. 18: Winter Concert 6:30 (Snow Date Dec. 19)

Dec 23: Holiday Break, School reopens on Jan. 3, 2020

I hope everyone has a safe and restful Thanksgiving. We all know what the next few weeks will be like.