

Thanksgiving



Mrs. Merna's Classroom Newsletter

This Week's Reading

Star Student of the Week!

Anthony was our star student this week. We learned that his favorite holiday is Christmas and that he loves transformers! We will learn about Emily next week.

The **story** read is: Go Away, Otto! (pg. 123). Have your child to read this and Fluff Is Missing (pg. 115) at home for homework. Please return the reading book and signed homework slip on Monday. You are welcome to read the story Helping at Home (pg. 144) for fun!

First Grade Learning!

We talked a lot about Thanksgiving this week. The kids were excited to learn about how the Pilgrim children and the Native American children played games and what kind of clothes they wore. We also learned how the Pilgrims came to America and how they celebrated their first Thanksgiving with the Native Americans. We were thrilled to know that they even had popcorn as well as turkey!

We will gather with our friends in the classroom next week for a thanksgiving celebration! We realized how much we have to be thankful for. We will wear costumes to make our gathering seem like the first thanksgiving celebration with the Native Americans and Pilgrims. We will enjoy a snack together. Please remember to bring your item for our thanksgiving snack. A note went home last week. If you cannot remember what your item was, please email me. I have a master list.

Upcoming Highlights

11/23 Thanksgiving snack and activities with our first grade friends. We will dress as Pilgrims and Native Americans with the hats that we made.

11/24-25 Thanksgiving Vacation

12/1-Scholastic Book orders are due online or attached to a check and delivered to the classroom.

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The **sight words** to practice reading are: children, come, family, father, love, mother, people, picture, your.

The **phonics lesson** for this week is using clusters with /, such as cl-, fl-, gl-. We also practiced words with a short o sound.

Literature skill focuses on summarizing stories and drawing conclusions. Have your child retell a story to you after they read.

Homework

November homework calendars are due at the end of the month. Please sign them and return them to school in your child's folder. Reading flashcards for our new reading unit were sent home to cut apart and read for homework. Reading lists are also due at the end of the month. Spend some time reading with your child over the Holiday.

Please Remember

We need to place our ticket orders for the play The Magic School Bus at the Center for the Performing Arts. Please send \$6.50 to school in a marked envelope. I am also in need of three chaperones. Please let me know if you would like to help on Jan. 18th at 12:00-2:00.

The Show and Tell theme for next week is friends. Some ideas for sharing would be to bring pictures of their friends, and to draw pictures of their friends doing what they like to do together.

Spelling homework went home today. Our next spelling test will be Wednesday, November 23rd.

There will not be a newsletter next week due to the holiday. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your families!