

Dear Parents,

November is in full swing and we are very busy with many engaging activities and projects happening. We are looking forward to meeting with each family during **conference week**. Students are preparing their conference by reflecting on their trimester, learning and setting goals for ways to improve. If you have not signed up for a conference yet, please do so ASAP. Links to each of our sign up genius sites will be at the bottom of this email.

The **food drive** and **warm clothing drive** are happening right now and will conclude on Friday November 19th. The need is great this year, so please donate what you can and send in right away. We would love to have 100% participation. Please check those closets and pantries for items to donate.

We are so happy that your child is now eligible to be vaccinated against Covid-19. I know that some of your children have already received their first dose. If not, we are having a **vaccination clinic** on November 23rd during conference week. Information is in the Thursday packet and also an email from the school.

At the conclusion of our Climate/Weather Inquiry, the children created **action plans** and brought them home to post and take the action. We have received some wonderful pictures of the children showing them putting their plan into action. Please send more pictures! These pictures and other written feedback we have received shows your child's moving from making meaning to being able to transfer that knowledge to familiar and unfamiliar settings.

Hopefully, all of the children have been keeping up with the check off list of items they need to learn about their family. We will attach the check off list to this email again just in case it was misplaced. It is now time to begin the research portion of our unit. The children will begin researching the country they chose. First, they will be deciding what they want to learn about and take notes. Then they will decide whether to create a google slideshow presentation or create a book on book creator to share this information with others.

In writer's workshop we are finishing up our "Crafting True Stories" unit. Students wrote personal narratives focusing on small moments, adding details, description and dialogue to paint a picture in their readers mind. We spent the last week learning all about the art of revising, editing, and writing a good ending. Students have been working on revising and editing their drafts on Google Docs. We will finish this piece next week and we will celebrate by sharing our stories. Look for videos to be posted to Class Dojo in the coming week. They will also bring a copy home to share.

We have had some wild weather lately. Please make sure to send your child with a jacket that will keep them warm and dry. If they come with a coat, we make sure they wear the coat to recess.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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