

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that it is only 3 weeks until Thanksgiving. Fall conferences will be held the week of November 22nd. In the next couple of weeks, students will be reflecting on their learning this trimester and setting goals for the next. Our conferences will be student led via zoom. Look for a signup genius link coming soon.

Starting next trimester, each child is required to complete 5 hours of service for the trimester. We will have opportunities at school for them to complete some of the service but they will need to complete the rest of it at home. Two opportunities to involve them in service are coming up with the Food Drive and the Warm Clothing Drive. Instead of just handing them the cans of food have them be more involved by using their money, helping you shop or pick up the items or asking neighbors/family if they'd like to contribute. When looking for warm clothing, have your child help by looking through their clothing for coats and other warm clothes that they can contribute. We will be putting a form on our homeroom google classrooms for the children to keep track of the service they perform throughout the trimester. If you'd rather have a hard copy just let us know.

We have been so impressed with your children and the excitement they have shown as they learn about their family history. Sadly, we are not always able to talk to our ancestors who immigrated to this country about what it was like to travel across the ocean to seek out a better life. In the past, we have been lucky enough to have parents (sometimes grandparents) come in to tell the children their story of immigrating to the United States. If you are one of those people or know of someone who is, please let us know! The children would love to hear about their journey. Of course, they would have to be fully vaccinated to come to school.

The week after next we begin learning our multiplication facts. We will start with learning one group of facts at a time. Now is the time to get those addition and subtraction facts memorized. MobyMax is a great way to do this. Many students are doing their required 5 minutes of fact fluency practice each night. We still have a number of students who are not doing this daily. Check to see your child's progress in their MobyMax account. If your child is still working on addition facts, they may need to put in some extra time and practice to get those done and their subtraction facts. Students should have had these facts memorized already and our goal is to make sure they have their multiplication facts memorized by the end of the year.

**Important Dates in November:**

**FAMILY INTERVIEW DUE NOVEMBER 8TH**

Free Dress Wednesday November 10th

Veteran's Day Thursday November 11th ~ No School

**FAMILY TREE DUE NOVEMBER 12TH**

**A PAGE FROM HISTORY (FAMILY STORY) DUE MONDAY NOVEMBER 15TH**

**FOOD DRIVE NOW UNTIL FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19TH**

**Warm Clothing Drive ~ the week of November 15th - 19th**

Free Dress Friday November 19th

We are looking forward to meeting with all of you during conferences. If you have not returned your conference reflection and progress report envelope, please do so ASAP. Please let us know if you have any travel plans during the Thanksgiving holiday and if your child will need work for the quarantine period.

Blessings for a wonderful weekend,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan