

Dear Parents,

We survived a pretty fun but a crazy week! We dressed Hawaiian on Monday, did a great job showing our spirit at St. Luke A Thon on Tuesday, and enjoyed our newly remodeled church Wednesday in perfect uniform. Thursday we had representatives from so many decades and it was fun to see how they portrayed them. Today we wore yellow and blue to represent our school. You'd think we'd be glad to have these dress-up days behind us but Halloween is just around the corner.

Mid-tri reports are coming home today along with your child's MAP test scores. Please make sure to check PowerSchool to see your child's progress. Inside your envelope will also be a goal sheet for you to fill out so that we can collaborate on goals for your child this year. We will use this at our conference in November. Please return the goal sheet along with the signed envelope by next Friday, October 28th.

This next week we will be starting two different inquiries. In ELA we will conduct a short inquiry into "The Day of the Dead" (Dia de Los Muertos) that will tie into Halloween. The children will be exploring different books about the topic and then decide how they would like to present their findings to each other. Then during our Science Inquiry, the children will be inquiring about how we take care of our planet and its inhabitants. On Tuesday, we are lucky to have a workshop called "Dive into the Great Pacific Garbage Patch" that will start the unit off. The children will choose one topic to research with a partner and in the end, create an action plan.

Committee for Children the creators of our Second Step Program has a Bullying Prevention unit that we will be teaching next week. This unit teaches students how to recognize and report bullying and the power of being positive bystanders. Attached is the family letter about the program. Each of the four lessons has a Homelink that we will be sending home so you can practice the skills the students learned in class that day.

In math, we will be finishing up our second unit on "Using Place Value to Fluently Add and Subtract Within 1,000". The area that gives many children difficulty in this unit is subtracting specifically subtracting across zeros and forgetting their basic addition and subtraction facts.. Your child would benefit from some extra practice at home by giving them one problem to do a day and making sure they complete 5 minutes a day on MobyMax fact fluency. Also, a few of the students have completed some great STEM projects to show different ways they would spend 1,000 dollars to purchase playground equipment for a school. They had some great ideas! One child, Jack Zevenbergen, also worked at home creating a magnificent fire tower from the STEM project to design a fire tower. It is on display in Mrs. Sheehan's room. The review for the test will happen on Thursday and the test will be on Friday of this next week.

Remember that now that the church remodel is complete, we will be attending morning mass every Wednesday so the children should be in dress uniform on those days. We hope you can join us to celebrate the mass.

Have a great weekend,
Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith