

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that the first trimester ends in 3 weeks? We are busy finishing many projects as we prepare for the first-trimester report cards. The grading period ends on December 2nd and all work must be completed by then to be included in this reporting period. Please take a look at PowerSchool to see if your child has any missing work.

Our first IB unit will be coming to an end next week. We have spent the last couple of weeks inquiring about being caretakers of the earth and learning about the consequences of climate change. Students have been very engaged in the inquiry process, becoming knowledgeable about their chosen topic. The next step is to work with their partners/team to create a presentation that shares this information with the rest of the class. They will also create and share an action plan for steps they can take to combat the problem.

Another project we are finishing up this week is the final draft of our narrative story. We have been adding dialogue with the proper use of commas and quotation marks this week and we will work on paragraphing, revising, and editing next week. Students began typing them (a very slow process) with their final drafts completed by Friday. I will be typing their stories into their document this weekend so that they can concentrate on revising and editing.

Our next IB unit begins next week with some inquiries to be done at home. We are beginning our unit with a look at our **personal history**. Each child will be completing a "Major Events in My Life" page and collecting pictures that represent each of those events. As they complete the events page they need to be thinking about and talking with you about how their cultural identity may be expressed in those events. After sharing it with the children we will be sending a copy home to you and also posting it on google classroom in case your child is absent. After completing the page, each child will be creating a timeline (digital option or poster option but both will be printed out) that they will complete using the information. The "Major Events in My Life" assignment will be due Tuesday, November 29th.

The warm clothing drive continues through next week. So please, if you have any old warm clothing, please send it in. The drive ends Friday November 18th.

Conference sign-ups went out this week. Most of you have signed up for a time, but if you have not, please sign up soon. We will send reminders to those who have not signed up along with the link on Monday.

We had a wonderful Veterans Day assembly today honoring all Veterans but especially those in our community. We hope you all have a wonderful long weekend and take some time to thank a Veteran.

Blessings,

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