

Dear Parents,

Your children have been busy working on what they will present to you at conferences next week (or later). We even have a script for them to use which they think is very funny! Just to prepare you the first lines are:

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to come to my conference. Please hold all your questions or comments until the end. Feel free to write your questions or comments down on this piece of paper so we can discuss them at the end of my presentation.

We are looking forward to meeting with all of you and helping your child navigate the student-led conference.

Students have finished up their inquiry projects about how to be caretakers of the earth. They researched, took notes, asked questions, and put together a presentation for their class. We hoped to present them all on Friday, but due to many absences, this did not happen. We will give them chances to present their findings to the class throughout the week we return.

Our next inquiry unit (Cultures Contribute to the Development of Communities) has started. The unit began with the sending home of the "Major Events of Your Life" pages for the children to complete about their lives. The pages and pictures are due on Tuesday, November 29th. We will be putting the timelines together in class that same week. While we work on the timelines at school, the children will be working on locating information about their families at home. A packet with a checklist attached of what MUST be completed (country or countries your ancestors immigrated to America from, a family tree, and an interview) and some ideas for extra that can be added to the project. If for some reason you can't find or have misplaced the "Major Events of Your Life" page, your child can locate it on google classroom, Cultures Contribute... under the topic Personal Timeline.

December will fly by so here are some important dates:

November 21st - 23rd	Student led conferences
November 24th – 27th	Thanksgiving Break
December 8th @9:30	All School Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception.
December 10th	First-trimester report cards go home.
December 14th	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM in the evening
December 15th	Polar Express Classroom Christmas Party
December 16th	Noon Dismissal
December 19th - Jan. 1st	Christmas Break
Jan. 2nd	School Resumes.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving break filled with family, food, fun, and lots of gratitude.

Blessings,

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