

Dear Families,

Fall is in the air. The leaves are turning, and the sun is setting earlier. School is in full swing. With Fall comes our first food drive. Thank you to those who have already brought in food. We have one more week and would love to make this the best food drive ever! Please help fill our food locker. The need is great!

We have introduced your child to their Toddle account in the past two weeks. We are learning to post reflections to our portfolio and add pictures of our writing. Today, students reflected on what they learned about fire safety assembly, and recorded themselves reflecting using the microphone. We are going to try to include a picture of them with the reflection. Check it out!

To help us all get more familiar with Toddle, we have given your child a homework assignment to complete in Toddle. After our field trip last week, students reflected about what they learned at the apple farm. Each child has a picture of themselves at the apple farm and we have uploaded that to a learning engagement titled "Apple Farm Field Trip Reflection". Your child came home with all of the directions for how to get into their Toddle account to complete the assignment. In case they misplaced the assignment sheet, we have attached a copy to this announcement and it is also in the learning engagement as a resource. We hope the more you and your child (and their teachers) use Toddle, we will all become more familiar with how it all works.

Our classroom government is beginning to work keeping our classrooms running smoothly. The classroom government will run throughout the year, with different government positions being chosen and voted on each trimester. However, the unit "Make Your Voice Count" is coming to an end. We are ending with a look at different people who brought about change in various ways. After choosing a picture book from a selection of books, the groups read, took notes, and shared posters they created with the class. Our final step is a reflection and for them to take action. We can't wait to see how that action will be shown.

Next week the students will be learning that the most dangerous animal in the world isn't sharks or lions, but... mosquitoes! Mosquitoes are responsible for spreading diseases like malaria, West Nile, and Zika. In our activity, students will apply knowledge about mosquito habitats and life cycles toward preventing mosquitoes in a fictional town.

You can support your child's learning next week! Discuss whether mosquitoes are common where you live, and how you could prevent getting bitten by them. Do you wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants outside? Do you spray mosquito repellent or hang mosquito netting? What are other solutions to keeping mosquitoes away?

Important Dates:

- 10/13 - No school - Teacher in-service
- 10/15 - Open House - New Enrollment (2 pm-4 pm)
- 10/17 - St. Luke-A-Thon ~ We run from 10:15-10:35
- 10/18 - All-school Mass - Feast of St. Luke (9:30 am)
- 10/19 - Great Washington Shake Out! (10:19 am)
- 10/20 - Mid-trimester report cards ~ check Toddle
- 10/23-27 - Spirit Week ~ Check the Thursday WRAP for details
- 10/27 - Free dress Friday

Have a great long weekend,

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