

Dear Parents,

Wow, what a busy week it has been! The children have done an excellent job in creating their state food trucks, and the festival turned out to be a great success. We were amazed by the variety of wonderful food that was presented. We all wished we could have tasted it! The state floats were equally impressive, and we were blown away by the creativity and enthusiasm displayed by the children in making them. Thank you to those who could join us for the parade.

With MAPS testing next week, the children will not have spelling but they will still have a grammar packet to complete each night. The children are all working on reading their novels (Shiloh or Stone Fox) and practicing different reading strategies and skills.

This week, we've delved deeply into the world of fairy tales. Our reading list included adaptations of classics such as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Three Little Pigs, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. After exploring a variety of tales, students were given the opportunity to select their favorite for adaptation. In the coming week, we will initiate the process of organizing our stories, crafting them scene by scene, and focusing on various elements of narrative writing.

We finished our study on "Economic systems are shaped by geography ". Now, we'll start our unit "Invisible pushes and pulls help operate the world around us." On Thursday, we started by looking at how unseen forces - pushes and pulls - matter. Then in the "Hopper Popper" activity, students used a rubber band to launch folded cardboard. This started a talk about the hidden forces that made the "Hopper Popper" jump.

In our next lesson, students will look at how to design bridges. The "Paper Bridge Engineering" activity will test their understanding of forces. Their job? To build a strong bridge that can hold as many pennies as possible, using just paper.

We are scheduled to go to the Pacific Science Center on Thursday, May 30th, all day. We have room for 6 drivers in each class and **A FEW** extra chaperones who will need to pay for their entrance. Because this is a school field trip, they do not allow anyone to use their membership passes. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to drive or come as a chaperone. If you want to drive, please let us know how many you can take in your car. We will make decisions about drivers based on making sure all students have a seat in a car.

Information about an end-of-the-year picnic will also be coming soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

5/6 - 5/8 **MAPS Testing next week! Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday**

5/9 - Class Dojo Party 2:00 (See the attachment)

5/15 - **Marion Mass** (9:30 am), Archbishop Etienne presiding

5/15 - Crowning of Mary (10:30 am) **DON'T FORGET TO BRING A FLOWER!**

5/22 - Spring Concert in the Auditorium (6:30-7:30 pm)

5/24 - NO SCHOOL - FUNDRAISING GOAL ACHIEVED - WAY TO GO WARRIORS!

5/27 - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY

6/13 - Half Day - (12:00 pm dismissal)

6/13 - Field Day and Moving-Up Ceremony

6/14 - Last Day of School - (10:30 am dismissal)

Enjoy your weekend,

Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith