Our Class Newsletter

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This just in...

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHER

Hello parents! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and you were able to spend some time with family and friends.

Before break we said farewell to Ms. Brna. She promises to return to visit! We will have a new student teacher join us this January. More about her before break.

This week was the first of a nice 3 week stretch until the Winter Break ahead of us. We will pack a lot in by wrapping up our American Indian unit, learning about holidays from around the world, and working on some holiday crafts. It's a very busy but exciting time of year!

LAST WEEKS' HIGHLIGHTS

Reading: Thanksgiving books, school read-aloud *The World Needs More Purple People*, *Buffalo Before Breakfast,* Hanukkah stories

Writing: *What I Am Thankful For, My Pet, My Stuffie's Day at School*

Math: Using place value to identify and represent numbers, word problems with missing addends, review of mixed fractions

Science/SS: The Sioux of the Plains and Pueblo of the Southwest, *Three Sisters Feast*, making baskets, sand art medallions, Thanksgiving

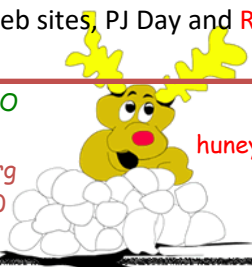**Spanish:** reading *Pete el Gato*, practicing family vocabulary, drawing Pete using Kids Art Hub

Other Fun Stuff: pinecone turkey centerpieces, Thanksgiving web sites, PJ Day and Read Every Day celebration

NEXT WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Mon: Read 15+ minutes
Tue: Read 15+ minutes
Wed: Read 15+ minutes
Thur: • Read 15+ minutes
        • Holiday Traditions Assignment due (Directions, writing paper, and drawing paper sent home 12/3 in *Home Folder*.

CLASSROOM NEEDS

• 2 five pound containers of Crayola terra cotta air dry clay for clay pot art activity ($12.99 each at Michael's before coupon.)
• 36 grocery paper bags to carry home Native American art projects and gingerbread houses
• 7 empty paper towel rolls for rain stick art activity
• 2 rolls of aluminum foil for rain sticks

Important Dates:

Dec. 8   Half Day for Students, 11:30 dismissal

Dec. 10 *Hour of Code* Day

Dec. 17 2nd Grade Gingerbread House Building Day

Dec. 17 Grades 4-5 Virtual Music Performance

Dec. 20-January 3 Winter Break

January 4 First Day Back from Break