

## First Grade News November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Classroom News:

#### Class project- A Thanksgiving Quilt

Thanksgiving is an important time in our lives when we remember all of the gifts God has given us. Our class will be creating a quilt that shows what we are thankful for. Each child will make a square for the quilt at home, either by themselves or with the help of a grown up.

Project: Thanksgiving Quilt Square

Return to school: Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Materials: 9" x 9" square piece of fabric (felt is the easiest to use), glue, sewing materials (notions: ie. lace, buttons, sequins), photos. Please be sure that your fabric piece is exactly (or really close) to 9"X9".

Directions: Please help your child create a quilt square that shows what they are most thankful for. They can draw/paint/cut out pictures, glue, or sew items onto the square. Your child can be as creative as they want to be.

Requirements: The fabric must be 9" x 9" (please make this as exact as possible) and your child's name must show on the front of the quilt square.

Please feel free to e-mail us with any questions!

- **Christmas Program** – Mrs. English is already hard at work preparing for this year's Christmas program. The first grade is going to be singing "The Friendly Beasts". They will be portraying different animals in the stable. Mrs. English would love animal masks for the first graders to wear during their performance, possibly made out of paper plates. She is in need of 4 cows, 4 donkeys, 4 doves and 4 sheep. If this is a project you are feeling up to tackling, please send us and/or Mrs. English an email. Thanks for your consideration!
- **Veteran's Day** – Today our school had an assembly honoring Veterans. The first graders worked with their 5<sup>th</sup> grade buddies to make cards thanking Veterans for their service to our Country.

- Star of the Week Schedule:
  - 11/14-18: Grace
  - 11/28-12/2: Brendan
  - 12/5-9: Jenna
  - 1/9-13: Isabella

### Curriculum Focus for Next Week:

**Religion:** We continue with our social skills curriculum lessons and focus on empathy training and problem solving strategies.

**Reading:** Our reading comprehension focus will continue to be on non-fiction texts. We will learn about what it means to be a specialist and to have a passion for something. We will learn that non-fiction reading is reading to learn and that non-fiction writing is writing to teach.

**Writing:** The first graders have published their personal narratives! They worked so hard on these stories and are excited to have them on display for all to see! Next week we will begin to focus on informational writing. We will be learning that informational writing is writing to teach.

**Spelling:** We will continue learning about contractions. We will also be doing some assessment activities like sentence dictation and making words with letter tiles.

**Math:** We will continue topic 2, on understanding subtraction. We will focus on using different strategies to solve subtraction sentences.

**Social Science:** We will continue our social studies unit on work in the community. We will be focusing on how people save and spend money.

### School News:

**Food Drive** - The fifth grade class will kickoff our service project, The Food Drive. It will run from November 7-18. Our goal is to raise 2,000 pounds of food to help those in need. All food will be donated to Lift Urban Portland and will be used to help those in our community struggling with hunger.

We would like you to bring nonperishable food to your classroom starting on

Monday. Some items include canned beans, vegetables, tuna and other proteins, whole grain rice, and many more.

### Upcoming Events:

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day / No School

Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 11:30 Dismissal & Thanksgiving break

Thursday & Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving break / No School

Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>– Oregon Symphony Kinderkonzert @9:30