



Newsletter for Mrs. McMath-1st Grade

Week of October 31, 2016

Can you believe that today is Halloween and tomorrow we begin the month of November? It's just crazy! I love this time of year! I look forward to this month and next! Great times in First Grade!

On Friday, I sent home with your child a big, brown, bag with handles for our **Ford ES Annual Can Food Drive**. This is a great opportunity to teach our children about giving to those in need. Children love helping others and the holiday season (that will be here before we know it), is the perfect time to demonstrate what a blessing it can be to give to others. All the information was on the attached paper on the bags. There will be collection bins for the bags as they come in.

The Ford Family and Friends Thanksgiving Feast Form to reserve your lunch meals should be in your child's Blue Folder. If you think that you might be coming, please RSVP via this form ASAP. Try to get this form back by the due date-Wednesday, November 9th. It really helps our Cafeteria Manager, Kristie Remeta know how many to plan for serving on the three days of the feasts. The children love having you eat with them during these days. If grandparents are in town or other relatives, then they are also more than welcome to join us. Please note the time for our Feast Day is not our normal lunch time. Plan on arriving 10 minutes prior to our time. You may keep the top half of the form and need only return the bottom half with your child. All the info is on the form including our grade level's time and other grade levels and their dates and times. Hope to see you there.

Keep in mind that this **Friday, November 4th is Ford Bingo Night from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Relay for Life will be offering \$15 pizza meal deals. Meals MUST be preordered no later than Thursday, Nov. 3rd. This is a FUN time to hang out with your family and visit with other Ford Families. Hope to see you there!

Also, on **Thursday, November 10th, we have STEM Night at Ford.** This is another fun night for your kiddos. There are so many hands-on, fun science activities for your children to enjoy. This is from 6-8pm that night.

First Grade T-shirt Information went home last week. Please send this form and money by this Wednesday, November 2nd. The cost is \$6.05. We will wear these shirts on special days and field trips. Make sure to check your child's size as well. They should be pretty cute!

Here's a look at what we will be doing and what's coming up:

Curriculum this week:

- **Math:** Word Problems with missing addends
- **Phonics:** long e spelled -y and -ie, pluralizing words ending in y, long I spelled igh, -y, and ie, and long a spelled -ay
- **Social Studies and Language Arts Integrated:** Who are Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, and Sacagawea?- Timelines and Mapping of their Journey of Discovery
- **Writing:** seasonal, journal, and Informational Writing (using a Four Square Graphic Organizer to pre-write and final draft)
- **STEM Journal:** Magnets

Dates to Remember:

- **Monday, October 31st:** Dress up in your Halloween Costume and donate \$2 to the Ford Foundation and Harvest Centers
- **Wednesday, November 2nd:** 1st Grade T-shirt money and sizing form due
- **Friday, November 4th:** Ford BINGO Night (6:30-8pm)
- **Week of November 7th:** Spelling begins and 1st & Spelling test is that Friday.
- **Thursday, November 10th:** STEM Night at Ford ES (6-8pm)
- **Tuesday, November 15th-Thursday, November 17th:** Ford's Friends and Family Feast Dates (our class' date is Tuesday, November 15th from 10:45-11:30am)
- **Monday, November 21st-Friday, November 25th:** Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Thanks for all you do!

Fran McMath ☺

