



Newsletter for Mrs. McMath-1st Grade

Week of November 14, 2016

It has been a very busy past two weeks in our class! We have been talking a lot about what we are thankful for with Thanksgiving upon us. The kids were so genuine and truthful about all that they are thankful for. I am so touched by the people in their lives that they are most thankful for. This just goes to show that children treasure more of the things that are not bought by money like the hugs and kisses, the stories read and told to them, the silly times, etc. It truly is the people in their lives both family and friends that mean the most to them. This makes my heart so happy! I am thankful that I get to see this beautiful example of preciousness in my students!

It was great to see so many of you at the Ford Friends and Family Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday. I know the kids were excited to have you there. Our Cafeteria Staff does such a nice job hosting this event every year.

I want to brag on how well your sweeties have been doing on their Mad Minute Math Quizzes. They are making great progress each week! This past Friday, they really ROCKED on their first spelling test as well! I was so proud of all the 3's and 3+'s! Keep up all that great studying!

I also wanted to update you on the Canned Food Drive. We brought in a grand total of 11, 122 cans! This is so awesome! Just think of all the lives that will be touched by the generosity of our Ford Students. What a wonderful way for our children to learn about the importance of giving to others! On that note, we have a Giving Tree in our front lobby at Ford. Once again, we have the opportunity to give to those in need by taking a star from the tree and purchasing the item for a family/child in need during the Holiday Season.

Thanks so much for getting your Children's Play at Harrison High School Field Trip Money and Permission Forms back so quickly. This will be a lot of fun next month. It's great for our little ones to see what older students in our community are doing in their schools. They know about the sports programs, so it's nice for them to see our performing arts programs. The play is a fairy tale theme, so I'm sure the kids will love it! We will get to wear our new First Grade T-shirts on this trip as well! If you haven't paid or sent in your child's permission form and lunch choice form, please do so ASAP.

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

Curriculum this week:

- **Math:** Word Problems with 3 numbers and fact families
- **Phonics:** long o patterns (-oe, -ow, and -oa) and long u patterns (-ew and -ue)
- **Language Arts:** ABC order and nouns
- **Reading:** Thanksgiving Books (Fiction and Non-Fiction)-Story Mapping and retelling
- **Writing:** seasonal, journal, and Informational Writing (using a Four Square Graphic Organizer to pre-write and final draft)
- **Health:** Nutrition (Healthy Foods)
- **STEM Journal:** Magnets

Dates to Remember:

- **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
- **Wednesday, November 30-Friday, December 2nd:** Holiday Shop at Ford ES (During the school day)
- **Saturday, December 3rd:** 6th Annual Jingle Jog
- **Monday, December 12th:** Field Trip to Harrison HS for the children's play
- **Wednesday, December 14th:** Giving Tree Ends
- **Monday, December 19th:** Class Holiday Party (9:30-10:30) All parents are invited.
- **Thursday, December 22nd:** Winter Vacation Begins

From my family to yours, I want to wish you a very blessed and joyous Thanksgiving! I hope that you will enjoy some special time with your precious families during this break!

Thanks for all you do!

Fran McMath ☺

