

5 November 2009

Dear Parents,

I am sending our Friday note home a day early due to our fantastic field trip set up for tomorrow. Even though it says it might rain we are going to keep smiling and praying!! This is one busy month we have so many things going on. We have our field trip tomorrow, building our missions later on this month (see separate flyer); Samaritan's Purse, Thanksgiving feast and we have begun our Christmas practices for our program in December. Save December 10th on your calendar. Busy, busy, are we.

Upcoming Classroom Events:

Math: continuing on with chapter 4 – multiplication

Social Studies: Chapter 3 – Spanish California - missions

Writing: Flat Stanley friendly letter

Spelling: Words from *The Mystery on the California Mission Trail*

Spanish: Cuanto y cuando

English: More Plural Nouns

Reading: *The Mystery on the California Mission Trail* – a new class novel we will read in literature circles

Memory Verse: “God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’ So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.’ Hebrews 13:5-6

Science News: We've had a great discussion about our Creator and His work in the universe. It is such a vast subject (pun intended). On Monday, we are going to explore our Moon before we study each planet in more detail. To set the stage, go our side and look at the shape of the moon with your child. We will be charting the moon's shape for the next month. To reinforce our learning, ask your students: What do you see up in the night sky? What is the Milky Way? What are the planets in our solar system? What do you know so far about our sun?

Samaritan's Purse Project: Is coming up quickly, in fact it is Monday, November 16th. Here is what I need. Your child will need to bring in a shoe box wrapped in Christmas paper (box and lid wrapped separately) and a bag filled with the items that are going to be placed in the shoe box. **Do not pack the shoe box for them.** Part of this Christmas activity is for your child to figure out the best way to pack the shoe box with as many items as possible.

We will be listening to Christmas music, drinking hot cocoa (with marshmallows of course) and nibbling on Christmas cookies as we pack our boxes and make Christmas cards to place in the box. Thanks for your support.

Parents-School Fellowship: took the opportunity to purchase at a low cost before school started items that can be put in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes! Quantities are limited. These items will be on sale at cost afterschool on Tuesday, Nov. 11th and Friday, Nov. 13th. 3:00-3:45. Prices are 5 cents for a pencil up to \$3.00 for a t-shirt. Again this is a service from S.F. to help parents fill their shoeboxes.

Mexican Thanksgiving Feast: Mrs. Kennicutt and I like to shake things up a bit, so we are not having the traditional Thanksgiving feast. We are heading into the past when Mexico ruled over California and there were Vaqueros roaming the vast lands of the El Ranchos. There is a sign up sheet posted on the window outside for the items that we need to make our feast a real celebration. I will also need parents to help out during feast time, so if you can join us please let me know. Thanks.

School Happenings:

10 November – Wacky Hat Day – wear your craziest hat

11 November – Veterans’ Day

16 November – Samaritan’s Purse Project – Picture Retakes

18 November – Bring our shoe boxes to chapel – end of first trimester

25 November – Report cards go home – minimum day

26-27 November – Thanksgiving Break

Have a wonderful weekend. Enjoy this incredible fall weather and the beautiful colors that abound.

Doris Dahle