

20 November 2009

Dear Parents,

We are in the process of creating our beautiful missions. They are a sight to behold. The children did a wonderful job building and decorating them. I will be saving them for Open House in the Spring so you will be able to see them then.

Upcoming Classroom Events:

Math: beginning chapter 5 – double digit multiplication begins – yikes!

Social Studies: California missions continue

Spelling: no spelling this week due to Thanksgiving break

Writing: no writing assignment for this week

Voyages: Joseph forgives his Brothers

Reading: The Mystery on the California Mission Trail

English: singular/plural possessive nouns

Spanish: Cuando y Cuanto – Unit 7 Lesson 3

Art: Thanksgiving activity

No memory verse for this week: Happy Thanksgiving – Keep working on your Luke 2 assignment for the Christmas program.

Science News: I'm pleased with how many students have commented that they haven't seen the moon very much lately (that means they're looking!). I am aware that remembering to note the shape of the moon daily is difficult. The goal is for them to see whether the moon is getting bigger or smaller and to note where it is in the sky. To do this, daily is not necessary, but it does help them with their observations.

Accelerated Reading: We are starting a new trimester and so your child will have a new ZPD zone to work with. Please note that your child will be required to read at home each night as part of their homework assignment. We will be reading in class for 20 minutes in class and 10 minutes at home is the **minimum** amount. Your child will be reading 30 minutes a day with class and at home time.

Field trip on the horizon:

When: December 10th

Where: Nutcracker Ballet

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

Cost: \$21.00

We will be taking a bus so I will not need any parent drivers for this field trip. I do have a few tickets for the ballet available, so if you would like to attend, just let me know. It will be on a first come first serve basis.

Vaquero Picnic: just a reminder, our Vaquero picnic is next Wednesday. Please bring your items that you signed up for, Wednesday morning prepped and ready to go. My wonderful parents will be coming in about 10:30 to set up and do any “reheating” that is necessary. Oh, by the way, you are also more than welcome to join us for our picnic. So please join us if you can.

California Trivia Question: What two large California lakes extend into other states?
Name the lakes and the other states.

School Happenings:

25 November – Minimum Day – report cards go home Report cards will need to be returned by Tuesday, December 1st

26-27 November – Thanksgiving break – gobble, gobble!

30 Nov. – 4 Dec – Scholastic Book Fair

1 December – Adopt a Christmas Family begins

8 December – ECC Christmas program 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

10 December – All school field trip to Nutcracker and Elementary School

Christmas program. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

18 December – minimum day – noon dismissal

19 December – 3 January – Christmas break – no school

Have a wonderful weekend. I'll be shopping for Thanksgiving goodies – see ya at the stores. God Bless you all.

Doris Dahle