



October 19th

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Farmer's Market Trip Postponed to Wednesday, October 26th

Due to the unusual weather pattern that is developing to the west, we are postponing our trip to the farmer's market until next week October 26th. This note is to notify you of the change of date. If you have any further questions or concerns please contact me by phone or email. Let me know if you are still able to chaperone so that we can have groups that work for next week.

Halloween Celebration on Monday, October 31st



Sonya DeMonner (Sabrina's Mom) <smdemo@med.umich.edu> coordinating the class party. Please contact her at to sign up for any food or supply donations by email or on the sign up sheet outside the classroom door so that we don't over sugar the kids before their Halloween night. Some possible food donation ideas are crackers and cheese, veggies, fruit, etc. Please, Please, Please don't just send in food without contacting Sonya!!!

This is an exciting but also overwhelming time for young children. Please remember to leave all weapons at home for our school celebration. Masks that cover the face are dangerous when we are moving around during our mini-parade. There will be parents around to help with face makeup. Just send it in a container such as a small box or bag containing the make up.

As for the party day itself, the children will be having their party in the afternoon following the parade. We will start getting dressed at 1:15 for the parade at 1:30. Parents are invited to help get the students ready and help with the party prep. Arriving at 1:15 is plenty of time. (We will be having our regular routine up until that time.) Our party will follow until the end of the day.

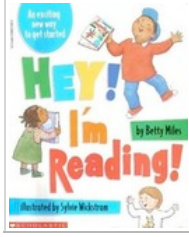
The students are invited to bring a costume and makeup to school with them that day. (Please let me know if your child will not participate.) We usually have plenty of parents to help them get dressed and put on makeup. If their costume is in a paper grocery bag labeled with their name it helps keep all the costume parts together and get them back for Trick or Treating at home. The paper bags stand well and allow your child to be able to get their costume in and out of the bag more independently.

UNICEF Boxes

Your child will be bringing home an orange box to take with them when they trick or treat this Halloween. We talked about this service project a little today. This is a Student Council project. If you and your child wish to participate feel free to do so. Please send the money they collect back to school as soon as possible after Halloween. Thanks!!



Hey, I'm Reading!



I have several copies of the book "Hey, I'm Reading!", a book about the process of learning to read. It is an informative book for both parents and children to read together. It presents reading in a way that seems to answer some of the questions early readers have about learning to read. Just let me now if you are interested in borrowing a copy.

October 24 and 25

Monday and Tuesday I will be out of the classroom doing a college visit for NCATE, a education school certification association. While I'm gone Jason, a student teacher and often used sub in our building, will be in our classroom. Welcome his and continue to join the class at your regularly scheduled volunteer times.

Parent Volunteer Help Needed

Several parents have said they would like to help by doing "at home" projects. There are some materials that need to be colored and cut before they are laminated. If you have some time let me know.

Family Traditions

Each family in our classroom is special and has a unique set of family traditions that have shaped who you are. During the next few weeks I would like to have each family create a page for a class book of these special family times. At this time I would like to start you and your child doing some of the ground work and talking about what your child might want to share. The materials for making this page will come in a week or two.

The stories will be widely varied and should be something that your family does together possibly around a holiday or a special family gathering. For example, playing cards when we get together with grandma and grandpa, making ice cream before going to the fireworks on Fourth of July, eating a traditional food when together with family, Friday night movie night, etc. These stories will be part of our Multi-cultural Night presentation on December 21st.

During the next few weeks we will be reading Patricia Polacco stories that tell stories of traditions to help set the stage for each child presenting their family tradition story.

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