



November 30th

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Twin Day Friday December 2nd



Student Council is sponsoring Twin Day on Friday. Talk to a friend or two and decide on an outfit that you will wear on Friday that makes you look alike. Often people choose to wear jeans and a same color top to make the matching outfit work more easily. Participation is optional and is up to your child and your family.

New Entrance Routine

This is just to thank you for entering through the Media Center this week. Your memory is outstanding!!! After Thanksgiving the outside door to our classroom will be no longer opened for entrance at noon. The cold weather which is on it's way will make our classroom very cold if we open the door to let everyone enter. As we begin wearing boots we will be keeping them in the indoor hallway outside our room. There isn't enough space inside the room. You can pick your child up inside at the end of the day.

Unless the windchill keeps us inside we will be going outside for recess on the days we do not have swimming and gym. That is Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please send your child with coat, mittens, hat, snow pants and boots appropriate for the weather. There is no way for children to stay inside during recess.

Multicultural Night



This year our class will be studying Native Americans that live in our area, the Ojibway. We will be learning about the culture through stories, hands-on activities, research, visitors, etc. We need parents to help by working with the students making and doing activities, by gathering materials and by bringing relevant resources into the classroom related to personal connections you might have. After Thanksgiving we will be doing building, cooking projects, creating artwork, learning music and dancing, making artifacts, etc. All of these projects require extra adult support so we will need more adult help during that three and a half week period after Thanksgiving and building up to an all school display on Wednesday, December 21st. It will be an all-school celebration.

Thanks to the parents who have already offered to help. I would like to work with the class making a large project and would

appreciate some volunteers with construction expertise.



December Snack Calendar

See the schedule below for the upcoming month.

Char's Class December Snack						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	James	Trey	Calvin	Aaron	Sam	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	St. Lucia Day Bridgette	Rex's B-day	Morgan's B-day	Devi	Stella	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Isley	Sabrina	Cecelia	Ayesha's B-day	Aliyah	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Class Needs

There is felt that needs to cut for moccasins. The pattern is made and the felt purchased. Let me know if you need more information or are able to help with the project. Also, we need hand sanitizer for snack handwashing. We need a at home volunteer who would like to do some sorting and organizing. I have some punch out letters that need to be separated and sorted. If you can help out let me know.

We need parents to be in the classroom as an extra set of hands as we are working. Give me the days and times you are able to come so that I can creat a schedule.

Our New Math Unit


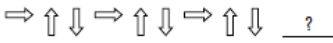


In math we are beginning to explore pattern. Your children have a strong background knowledge that are already demonstrating in the classroom. The attached sheet will help you anticipate some of the comments they my bring home. Enjoy their discussions and experiences.

What Comes Next?
Family Letter

About the Mathematics in This Unit

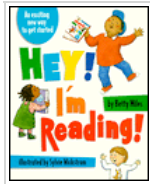
Dear Family,

Our class is starting a new unit in mathematics called *What Comes Next?* The focus of this unit is constructing and extending patterns. Throughout this unit, students will be working toward these goals:

BENCHMARKS/GOALS	EXAMPLES
Copy, construct, and extend simple repeating patterns such as AB, ABC.	If this pattern continues in the same way, what comes next?  ? 
Begin to identify the unit of a repeating pattern.	What is the unit? What repeats over and over?  

In our math class, students engage in math problems and activities and discuss the underlying concepts. They are asked to share their reasoning and solutions. It is important that children solve math problems accurately in ways that make sense to them. At home, encourage your child to explain his or her math thinking to you.

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. I'm putting your names on the waiting list at this time. If you have a copy at home please remember others are waiting to get a copy. Thanks!!

Family Traditions

To this point the about half of the class members have shared their family tradition picture and told their personal story. The children are enjoying sharing their family traditions with the class. Several have come to school over the past few days. Take a look on the wall by Tyra's room if you are interested.

If you need further clarification or need the materials for making your page for the wall send me a note or an email.

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