

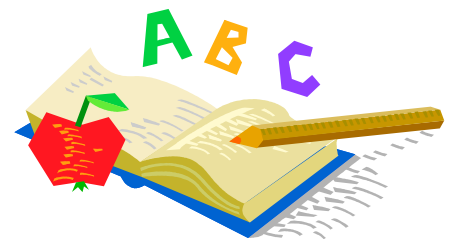
Dear Parents,

November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014



First, I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving! Although it was a short week, the students had a wonderful time finishing up their unit on Thanksgiving. To finish our unit, today we enjoyed a "Thanksgiving Feast" together with all of our classroom friends. Each Kindergarten class brought an item to contribute to the feast, just like the very first Thanksgiving so many years ago. Lots of food, laughs, and fun were enjoyed by all. A special "thank you" to the parents who donated items for our feast.

This past week we reviewed all of the letters studied so far this year. We've also been working on sounding out and writing CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant). Please continue to review the sounds of the letters with your child, including both



long and short vowel sounds. The students have enjoyed learning reading strategies and ways to solve an unknown word during Guided Reading. These strategies include: getting mouth ready, looking for picture clues, and rereading the sentence. When reading with your child at home, please incorporate these strategies as well.

Next week our letter focus will be on the letter Uu. Please practice the sound of Uu, including both long and short vowel sounds. Look for objects around your house that beginning with letter Uu and ask your child if it makes a long or short vowel sound.



Our theme of the week will include holidays. We will learn about how people throughout the world celebrate holidays. In Math we will continue to work with fact families, create objects using pattern blocks, and solve story problems in our math journals.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving break filled with family, food, and fun! Travel safe and enjoy your holiday!

Mrs. Galles



### Next Week:

Letter: **Uu**

Everyday words: **get**

**Math:** pattern blocks with 2D shapes, fact families, and story problems in math journals.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Early Dismissal/NO SCHOOL:** Wed. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 for Thanksgiving Holiday. NO SCHOOL Thurs. Nov. 27 – Fri. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Early Dismissal:** Wed. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:30 Elem. only Professional Development Day.
- **Jr K/Kindergarten Holiday Concert:** Thurs. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 High School Auditorium. Look for more details to come once date gets closer ☺
- **Book Exchange gift:** please send by Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the note stapled to your child's folder. Please make sure to write to and from on the wrapped gift. We will open them the Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have any questions ☺
- **Early Dismissal:** Fri. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 Winter Break Begins
- **Classes Resume:** Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> (Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> Teacher In Service
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> In Service
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> President's Day

- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 (All Buildings)
- **Kindergarten Round up:** Thursday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. No School for current Jr. K and Kindergarten students (grades 1 – 12 will have school as normal). Jr. K students do not need to attend round up. \*Snow dates will be March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> if needed.