



NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

September 29th, 2020

Christi's Corner:

Calendar:

Upcoming important dates

This week:

- 9/28 - NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher conferences

Later on:

- 10/7 and 10/8 - 3rd and 4th grade play
- 10/7 - Community Council
- 10/8 - Make up picture day
- 10/12 - 10/16 - October Break
- 10/30 - Teacher Inservice, no school
- 11/11 - Community Council
- 11/12 - Lantern Walk
- 11/18 - 11/19 - 2nd grade play
- 11/23 - 11/27 - Thanksgiving Break

Gratitudes:

Thanks to Sami and Ana for coordinating a beautiful Festival of Courage last Friday. Thanks to all the volunteers who joined us and GREAT thanks to Pat for hosting us at Peace and Plenty Farm.

Great thanks to the parents and grandparents who brought delicious food for the teachers at parent teacher conferences.

Orchestra for 3rd/4th grade

3rd and 4th grade - please order your violins from SHAR ASAP! Although They are not ready yet, we need to get our kids on the waiting list so that we can start Orchestra after fall break. Please follow the instructions on the attached hand out to rent your instrument. Please rent a 3/4 size, unless your child is the size of an adult. In addition, please make sure you rent a shoulder rest.

New information for making decisions on when to keep kids home

The big change is that **only major symptoms** are considered for remaining home. If someone has 2 major symptoms that last for more than 24 hours, then we will proceed with 10 days out of school and additional days as advised by the school nurse. Minor symptoms should only remain home if the symptom affects student learning. As



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always, you as a parent need to assess your child's health and ability to learn and their health's impact on their cohort.

MAJOR SYMPTOMS of COVID-19

- Feeling feverish, having chills or temperature of 100.4 °F or greater
- Loss of taste or smell
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

MINOR SYMPTOMS of COVID-19

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea

Highlights

Kindergarten

We spent another week in the garden. We are enjoying watching the garden change with the season and the squash growing quickly.

We made nature sticks at the park with treasures we found along the way. They were very sweet.

We had a Festival of Courage ceremony on Thursday and the children were given their silk capes of golden light and a cattail. These silks will be for the children to play with in the classroom throughout the year. We did our last circle of "The Knight and the Lady" and listened to the story "Taming the Dragon".



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The school celebrated the Festival of Courage on Friday at Pat's farm on Redlands Mesa. This was extraordinary. We listened to a story from Ms Thesa, watched performances by the grades classes, dyed bags with indigo, made willow crowns, and had many adventures around Pat's farm. Thank you to Pat, Sami, and Anna Kampe for making this such an amazing day!

A special "Thank you" to Dianne (Osha's grandma), Amy Cobia, Carrie Soto, and Willow for volunteering this week.

We look forward to watercolor painting with Mrs Thompson on Wednesday and attending a special storytelling in the park.

Please bring a 16 oz wide mason jar to school. Mrs Thompson will be making lanterns with the children when she returns to school after fall break.

First Grade

The Festival of Courage was an incredible day for the whole school and the First Grade did an amazing job on their poem! Thanks to everyone that helped orchestrate such a special day for the children.

First Grade is starting our math block this week. We will be working on the quality of numbers and where we see numbers in the world. Where do you see one of something? Two of something? These are great questions to be asking your kiddos at home.

We will go to Thistle Whistle on Tuesday to wrap up our projects on the farm and we will string marigolds to start moving our room into the Fall spirit! We are going to work on making calendula salve in the coming weeks starting with drying the flowers, pulling the petals and making calendula oil (thanks to Candice for helping get us flowers!)

Thanks to everyone for showing up for conferences and having such great things to share about your child's experience at school. I appreciate the support that is being brought by the parent body for what we are doing at school and the classroom community we are building together.

Remember it is chilly in the mornings and help your child feel warm as we will still work outside some mornings for circle time. We will also join a storytelling event in Paonia Town Park on Friday afternoon to close out the week.



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Second Grade

It was wonderful to meet with each of you yesterday and go over your children's great work. In the class we are enjoying the beginning of Autumn. The Michaelmas Celebration was magical and fun at Peace and Plenty Farm. Keep an eye out for some videos and photos from the celebration.

The class has been working hard with math. Last week they learned a new way to writing their math problems and began to practice their multiplication tables of 2,3,5,10. They are also working on memorizing their math facts of adding to 10 and subtracting from 10. Please look in your folder for this week's spelling test.

Third/Fourth Grade

Thank you all for taking the time to meet with me at conferences. Discussing your wonderful children is a pleasure ! I am grateful to have such engaged parents and students.

We will have our final 'farm day' this Wednesday where we will visit the chicks we hatched and complete the 'den' we have been building. In addition, we will make cheese and fire up pizzas in the wood oven ! Living in this valley surely has perks!

But please do not forget.....play practice is in full swing. Practicing each night is crucial for a good performance, let me know if you need a copy of the script at home. We will have the performance on Thursday, October 8th at 5:30.

As I mentioned at conferences, math homework and spelling homework will be coming home every Tuesday. This will be due on Fridays every week.

Fifth/Sixth Grade

Thank you to all who attended our conferences on Monday. It was great to talk to you about your students and their current progress.

Last Friday was such a sweet Festival of Courage up at Grandma Pat's farm. This week we are continuing our Business Math block. We are going to prepare to put



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together our business plans and also learn about discounts and markups and about more successful business people.

This Wednesday, we are going to learn how to make cheese and also make pizza up at Arbol Farm. We will go leaf peeping somewhere in the valley on Friday.