



October 6, 2020

Christi's Corner:

Calendar:

Upcoming important dates

This week:

- 10/7 - Community Council
- 10/8 - 3rd and 4th grade play 5:30 at school (see details below)
- 10/8 - Make up picture day

Later on:

- 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 the amazing NFSIS teachers who go above and beyond everyday, especially for the 12 hour day of parent teacher conferences last Monday! These ladies are dedicated to partnering with families in creating the best childhood possible for your children.

3rd and 4th grade play

Ms. Ziccardi and Ms. Haines have been working so hard on the production of ***Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors***, which will culminate the Hebrew mythology Block in third and fourth grade. The children will be performing on Thursday evening at school at 5:30. Each child can have two adults guests for the performance, and no more than that. The adult guests must wear masks inside the building, and must adhere to our social distancing set up in the pit.

Message from Ms. Ziccardi:

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School Directory

NFSIS Puts together a directory of phone numbers of all the students to share with the school so that children can connect with other families outside of school. Please let us know if you do not want your name, or phone number published in this directory. Email Christi Gubser if you do not want to be in the directory.

Health and Vitality

We will be starting our health and vitality curriculum for all grades in the next few weeks. Please find an informational letter enclosed about this curriculum. If you do not want your child to participate, please send in the bottom portion of the letter.

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.



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Highlights

Kindergarten

We had another sweet week in the kindergarten. Fall is in the air and we are still spending our days outside every morning in the garden. We've been following the sun and keeping cozy as we welcome the change in the weather.

We started a new circle welcoming the change of the season with "Rosy apple, Mellow Pear" making this a fun circle skipping around with a partner. We also began the story of "Rumpelstiltsin". This wise fairytale has sparked the children's memories of the many stories they've heard in the past.

Tuesday & Thursday we spent most of our morning in the garden, after circle and snack, playing and painting rocks. This was so much fun for myself and the children. We walked around the school yard and collected rocks to be washed and painted. Many are decorating our garden and brightening the landscape with their beautiful paintings and there is a special flower rock now holding our classroom door open to the fresh air outside.

Wednesday Mrs Thompson came to visit us for the morning. She met all of the children and then led them in water color painting yellow for the first time. They learned about the painting fairies that come only when the children are painting quietly.

I am finishing up my last week with the kindergarteners this week. Mrs Thompson will come in after Fall Break. Please be sure to bring a 16 oz mason jar for a special project making Lanterns for the Lantern Walk in November.

We look forward to welcoming back Ms Marta this week and having our last field trip together to Orchard Valley Farm on Thursday October 9th.

First Grade

First Grade is working hard on our Math block and discovering the qualities of numbers. We have been singing One for the Golden Sun which is one of my favorites! We discovered the five little rooms inside of an apple and finished stringing our marigolds as well as started our Calendula oil to make salve with later this month. We will go to the river park on Friday so please be sure children are prepared and have appropriate shoes to wear. We will wrap up our quality of numbers work this week and when we come back from break we will have an introduction to the four operations. I



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hope everyone enjoys October break and is able to get out and frolic in the beautiful fall colors.

Second Grade

For our last week of math, I will be introducing place value. This began today with collecting sticks that we will break into groups of 10's and then 100's. The class greatly enjoyed the storyteller from the Ute Museum on Montrose and learned a lot. They have been biking for games class thanks to the nature connection. On this Tuesday the class is going to Thistle Whistle Farm from 12:-3 to 3. Please continue to practice the spelling words with your children. I am already seeing great improvement in their writing and spelling skills. This Friday we will visit River Park for the end of the day.

Thank you everyone who is helping with reading groups. I am still looking for some reading helpers who could come 1 to 3 times a week, especially on Wednesdays.

Reading times are:

Monday 12:30-1:10

Tuesday and Wednesday 10:45 - 11:45

Third/Fourth Grade

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Fifth/Sixth Grade

The 5th and 6th Graders are working hard to create our businesses in the final weeks of our Business Math Block. On Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23, we will have a Pop-Up store on the playground outside Mrs. T's classroom. Students will be selling



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baked goods, bracelets, keychains, arts and crafts, Tarot Card Readings, Origami artwork, face masks, and candy. Please join us before school, during lunch, and after school each day. We have learned so much about creating and running businesses over the course of the block. Students will be working hard over Fall Break to make their goods and hone their skills in their services they will be offering. Enjoy the week off and hopefully, you have some big plans to either rest or have fun!