



*November 17th, 2020*

**Christi's Corner:**

**Calendar:**

**Upcoming important dates**

**This week:**

- 11/23 - 11/27 - Thanksgiving Break

**Later on:**

- 12/9 - 12/10 - 2nd grade play

**Gratitudes:**

*Thanks to Ana and Sami and the Lantern Walk team for the incredible Puppet Show and Lantern Walk. Thanks to Sky, Ursula and Chloe for lending their talent to the puppet show.*

**Please help keep NFSIS staff safe!**

Delta County school district is planning to keep school open if possible during this holiday season. If you have plans to travel and see people from outside the North Fork, please keep in mind the health of the NFSIS staff by continuing with good hygiene and other COVID preventive measures. We all come to work each day to serve your children, and partnership with our families is critical in this during this unusual time of tricky public health.

In addition, please remember to mask up at pick up time, again to keep our staff safe.

**Winterfaire CANCELLED**

The staff and the Winterfaire team have decided that it is in the best interest of the school and community for us to cancel Winterfaire this year. With rising COVID numbers, we do not want to host an event that could put our community at risk. Thank you for your understanding. Please stay tuned for changes to the Spiral Garden as well.



## **NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES**

### **Food Drive**

We will start our Thanksgiving food drive this week to remember helping all those in need. The 1st graders are excited to be organizing this donation. Donations of non-perishable canned or dried packaged goods will go to North Fork food pantries. Thank you for participating in this wonderful tradition.

### **Basketball!**

Peewee Basketball is here for 3 - 6th grade. Please see the form in your folders and return to school if your child wants to play. This is a community team, not a NFSIS only team.

### **Call it in!!**

If your child is absent, please call it in every time! 970 527 3639. We need to know why children are absent during this uncertain time for the health of our school. We all want to stay open as long as possible and we need your help to make this happen. Thank you.

### **Directory**

The revised directory is attached again! Thanks to Jenna for all her work on this. If you would like a copy printed out, please let your teacher or Christi know.



## NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

### Highlights

#### Kindergarten

Thank you everyone who was able to join us for our magical lantern walk. I loved watching all of the children's faces as they enjoyed the puppet show and then seeing all of the lanterns shining under the starry sky as we walked along the river. What an incredible backdrop for our festival! Thank you to our hardworking Lantern Walk committee for all of their love and intention and planning. It was a beautiful experience.

This Wednesday I am offering parent-teacher conferences for all Kindergarten families. If you have not yet signed up, please see the email I sent last week with the link to the google sign up sheet. If you are having any trouble with that document, please let me know and I will sign you up for the time slot that works for you. It looks like we will have beautiful weather, so plan to meet me at Town Park. The conferences are back-to-back; please be punctual so we can make the most of our time.

This week I will continue telling the story, Spindlewood, with a puppet show. You might ask the children about the three different paths that the little girl must find; what does she find at the end of each path? We are also continuing to have so much fun during our circle while becoming different kinds of animals. Each movement is intentional to integrate midlines and primitive reflexes, as well as being fun and silly. Ask your child how the flamingo moves, "dressed all in pink, eating shrimp from the kitchen sink." We have also been playing with beginning sounds of words by singing a familiar song, but changing the beginning sounds to all one letter. This is also fun and silly, while building the foundation for literacy skills.

Next week is Thanksgiving Break. I wish everyone a restorative and love-filled week!

#### First Grade

First Grade had a wonderful visit to Peace and Plenty Farm last week with the Second Grade class. Hopefully you all saw your child's bundle of herbs to share with family for a holiday meal.

First Grade is bringing in an amazing amount of food for the food drive that is going on until the end of this week. It is inspiring to see so much care from such little people!

This week we are diving into more work with the vowels as we look at the different sounds that the vowels can make. We are also painting the clear night sky with the brilliant stars that we all saw at the lantern walk. Thank you to everyone that helped to make that such a special night.

We will visit our trees in town park this week and see if they have lost all their leaves, we will talk about what happens to them over the Winter, we will talk about and draw the parts of a plant and we will end our week with Gardening. I hope everyone enjoys a lovely week off together.



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### Second Grade

Thank you for coming to the Lantern Walk and all of your help in making it magical. I want to especially thank Ana for her vision. We are so grateful to have you in our community.

This week we began our Play Block. The children know most of their lines and will be getting their parts in the next week. We will also be working on sets and costumes. Thank you Erin for helping with our Chinese Dragon. Please make sure that your children are rested and well fed because play's take a lot of energy and focus.

As the weather changes the children will be playing games in the gym. Please send running shoes with your children on Mondays and Wednesdays for games. This week we will spend Friday afternoon at the River Park, weather permitting.

### Third/Fourth Grade

One more week to go before a needed rest for all. I am planning another Forest Friday the 20th this week. Last week was fun on Jumbo; we hiked many miles, built a fire, learned about stealth, and played hard. Please check the 'be prepared' list and let me know if you need anything from that list for your child. Having a backpack on these trips is especially important ( so that I don't have to carry their things).

We continue our studies in knotted form drawing and Norse Myths. Ask the children to draw some of the braided forms they have learned. Give the forms a try, have your child teach you, they take utmost concentration and skill.

After hearing about the three Norns which weave the destiny threads for humans (past, present, and future), they are exploring different tenses in their writing. Expressing dreams (future); memories (past); and observational poetry pieces (present).

You will see some graded math homework and spelling tests in this week's Tuesday express, go over any of the problems your child needs to correct. Last week we wrote business letters to the president-elect; enjoy reading the letters they have written. No need to return any of this work. If I don't see you before the break, have a splendid pandemic holiday.

### Fifth/Sixth Grade

The 5th and 6th Grade are finishing up our first North American History and Geography block this week. We are learning about the regions of North America, major rivers of the United States, and the regions of the United States. We completed our United States Election unit this week with the final tally of Electoral College votes in Georgia, Alaska, and North Carolina's votes finally coming in.



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We cooked at the Trading Post on Tuesday with a traditional American meal for the community. This Friday, we are going to go for a hike (weather dependent) up Jumbo trails for our Forest Friday.

When we get back from Thanksgiving Break, we will start a Physics block that will take us to Winter Break. Have a great week off next week.