

November 9, 2018

Dear Parents,

It was so nice to see all of you last week and share information with each other. It is always good to touch base and share information with each other. This is important for the success of all of the children. Please remember to contact me if you have any questions after you receive the report card on December 7. I will try to answer any questions, but will also refer you to others if I can't.

In Second Step, we learned about being assertive this week and I have enclosed the activity that you can do at home with your child or at least give you a starting point to talk about this with them.

In our Readers Workshop, the students have received their super reader capes and are really enjoying wearing them. This helps them become readers. It is amazing as I sit with each child to learn what they can do and support them through the next step of learning. I had said that I would try to enclose the snap words as we learn them, but then realized that some children will be learning at a different pace so will have different words. As of now, most of the students have five snap words: at, the, look, me, the on their rings. These are words that they should recognize in a snap as they will see them in the books that they are reading now. We are practicing to read fluently and will continue this. Hopefully, you are seeing an excitement for reading, if it is only to be read to, grow in your child.

We are working on our new number corner routine and are learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes. The students are learning a lot of new vocabulary with this part of our math unit. We continue to practice counting forward and backwards.

In Foundations, the students are practicing two new letters. We are now working on a,b,c,d,f,g,i,m,n,o,s,t, and u. If you would like a letter chart with the letters and key words that we use please let me know. I can send one home with your child.

Our annual White River School feast is quickly approaching. This has been a tradition for our school to eat a traditional Thanksgiving feast for many years. We have our feast on Tuesday, November 20, which is our last day of school before the holiday break. The kindergarten is responsible to provide the stuffing. To make this possible we will need **loaves of bread(lots) and onions**. I have a parent who will provide the butter for us as we need a lot of that as well. Please have all donations in by next Friday, November 16. I will need to take an inventory at that point what I need to pick up before we make it on Monday, November 19. Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for this support.

Another tradition at WRS is to collect **cans of peaches and pears** for the holiday baskets to give to senior citizens. When you are at the grocery store please consider picking up a can or

two and send them in with your child. We will be collecting for the next couple of weeks.
Thanks!

I am sending home another book order which will be due back by next Friday, November 16. You can also go online to order and use the code: GXJYC. I will have one more order before the holiday break in December in case anyone would like to order for holiday gifts. I can hold items and arrange for you to pick them up at some point.

I am sending home towels today to be washed.

As the weather gets cooler and snow will be in the air soon, please have your child practice getting dressed in their winter gear. This will help both you and me. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

November 12: No School

November 16: Picture Retake Day, PTA Movie Night (No Drop Offs)

November 21-23: Thanksgiving Break

December 1: PTA Craft Fair- 9-2

December 6: Winter Concert K-5, 6:30

December 24-Jan. 1: Holiday Break

Have a great weekend!