

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed.
– Joseph P. Dooley

The Kindergarten News for the weeks of 11/ 16 /20 and 11/ 23 /20

- Theme – The First Thanksgiving
- Introduce – No introductions this week / Review
- Expressive Vocabulary – **thankful** – feeling or showing gratitude; grateful
pilgrim – a person who travels to a sacred place; a wanderer

Language Arts

Our theme on Native Americans expands to include a discussion on the first Thanksgiving. The students will learn that the pilgrims left their homes in England to seek religious freedom in the New World. We will discuss their arduous journey on the Mayflower, the hardships they faced that first year in America and how they received aid from the Native Americans, particularly Samoset and Squanto. Our unit will culminate with a celebration to commemorate the special feast they enjoyed with the Wampanoag tribe to thank God for their bountiful harvest. On this fun day, the children will be asked if they would like to play the part of a pilgrim or a Native American and will dress in either a hat or bonnet, or a headdress and macaroni necklace. Those who selected to be a pilgrim will then reenact sailing on the Mayflower and the landing at Plymouth Rock. There they will be greeted by the students who chose to portray the friendly Native Americans who helped them survive in the New World. Everyone will gather together (while remaining socially distanced, of course) to partake in songs, dancing and a delicious snack as well as stating what they are thankful for.
What a wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving!

Math & Science

Because much our time will be spent on preparations for our Thanksgiving celebration, these next two weeks will be devoted to review. The boys and girls will practice number identification, vertical and horizontal addition, and counting by ones and tens to 100. We will continue to work on understanding place value to 100 as well as reviewing our two dimensional and three dimensional shapes.

Important Dates

November 20.....Art Day / Thanksgiving craft
November 25.....Thanksgiving Celebration
November 26.....Happy Thanksgiving / school closed
November 27.....school closed
December 4.....Report cards issued
(issued in December rather than at Thanksgiving due to quarantine / absences)

Parent Reminders

A window will be kept slightly open in our classroom year round as per government health recommendations. Students are welcome to keep a sweater or sweatshirt in their cubby to put on as needed.

Wishing each of you a warm and happy Thanksgiving!