

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Parents,

Our class is actively engaged in a very new and exciting shared reading activity with our big buddies. We are learning about (and celebrating!) the month of November and Thanksgiving through a play comprised of both song and speaking parts. This play will culminate into two performances. The first performance will take place on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:15-3:15 in the Sterling Elementary School library. Students are eager to invite their parents and/or a special guest to watch their performance and share in our class' Thanksgiving Celebration.

We would also like to honor the elders of our community by spending some time with them! For our second performance, we will be taking a field trip to the Sterling Senior Center. We will walk with our big buddy class to the Senior Center on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Students must bring a sack lunch on this day because we will also be eating at the Senior Center with the residents there. Please sign the permission slip attached to this newsletter and turn it in by Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

We will be reading and comparing two different versions of the fable, "Stone Soup" prior to our Thanksgiving Celebration. This is a story that really reinforces the idea of caring for each other, working together to bring good to our village (world), and being thankful. We will be making our very own stone soup and bread to share together at our Thanksgiving celebration in the library on November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are able, please send in an ingredient or item needed for our Stone Soup and send it to school with your child on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be making our Soup first thing on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

There are so many special dates to remember in our school and within our classroom right now. Below is a chronological list to help! 😊

- November 8<sup>th</sup>, Donuts with Dad, 8:15-8:45
- November 9<sup>th</sup>, PTA Meeting, 4:00
- November 10<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day Assembly, 2:00
- November 17<sup>th</sup>, Send in Stone Soup Ingredient
- November 20<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Celebration and Play Performance, 2:15-3:15
- November 21<sup>st</sup>, Field Trip to Sterling Senior Center

Keep those homework turkeys coming in! Listening to each student present has been an absolute joy! Students have been standing up straight and tall in front of their peers. They have been introducing themselves to their audience and then telling all about their turkey. To signal that they are finished, they have been saying, "Thank you for listening to my presentation." I am proud of their hard work!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Smith