



Elmwood's Junior Kindergarten News

November 2011

Welcome to the third month of school!

Halloween Candy

The Kindergarten students really enjoyed our Halloween Party! We kindly request that your children enjoy their Halloween "loot" at home and not bring it to school please. The ingredients of Halloween candies are often not listed on the wrapper and may include nuts or other products, which may be dangerous to some Elmwood students who have serious allergies. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Scholastic Book Orders

Thank you very much for those who ordered from the October Scholastic book club. There are some wonderful deals in the Scholastic catalogues for books and educational games/materials. If you wish to order Scholastic books for holiday gifts, please let me know and I will put it in a bag and give it to you or your child's caregiver personally in order to keep it a secret!

PYP Unit of Inquiry: Let's Celebrate

In mid-to-end of November, we will be embarking on our second Unit of Inquiry: Let's Celebrate. The central idea of this unit is that people celebrate events that are important to them. This unit will be a rich site for inquiry into diverse cultures and languages. We would be thrilled to have parents or family members visit the class to share information about your own cultural celebrations. Please contact me if you are interested.

Everyday Mathematics At Home

I hope that you all are continuing to enjoy working on your Everyday At-Home Mathematics mini books. You can encourage your daughter to tell me about the activities and the games she might have played the night before.

Language

The students are continuing to build their confidence with letter names, sounds and words. We try to write everyday and encourage the girls to think of something they want to tell others (a story) and to draw or write about that story. Remember to play with words at home—making up silly rhymes, changing the beginning sound of a word to see if you can make new words, etc.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on **Thursday, November 17** from 1 p.m. onward. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress. Please note that the school day ends at 12:30 on that day.






Lunch will be provided in the dining room from 12:00 to 12:25, as usual, and we ask parents to please pick up their daughters at 12:30. If you are unable to make arrangements for your child that afternoon, supervision will be provided from 12:30 onward. The 3:26 Club will run as usual that day, from 3:26 until 5:30 p.m. Please refer to the letter that was sent home with your daughter on November 3rd for further details.

Cold Weather Clothing

Thank you for sending your daughter to school with appropriate clothing. Mittens and hats are becoming increasingly necessary as winter approaches. Please label all winter accoutrements with your daughter's name and we will do our best to make sure that all articles are kept safely in her cubby or backpack.

November Events

Please mark the following dates on your calendars:

-  Friday, November 11 – School closed for Professional Development Day
-  Monday, November 14 – School closed for Fall Mid-Term Break
-  Thursday, November 17 – Parent-Teacher Interviews
-  Friday, November 18 – International Night
-  Wednesday, November 23 – Nightingale House Day

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