



First Grade News

Mrs.

Ashby



From the Desk of Mrs. Ashby

Giving Thanks & Stone Soup

During our Giving Thanks & Stone Soup week we have been getting ready for Thanksgiving and thinking about the ways we are thankful!

In addition, we have been practicing our Reader's Theater, called "Stone Soup" as a whole class!

Our class welcomes all families to join us for our Stone Soup performance and feast on Nov. 18th from 12:20-1:15!

Please join us... it would mean so much to all the first graders!

* Stone Soup Family Feast *

In a note that went home last week, I am asking that each first grade family help put together our "Stone Soup Feast" by...

* If each student could bring one cut up vegetable in a small baggie to contribute to our stone soup, that would be great!

* If your child's first name begins with...

A-G: bring bread or rolls; H-K: dessert;

L-Z: drinks; I'll provide all the paper products!

If not done already... could you return that note sent home to let me know that you can help out with these things and who will be coming? Thanks!

* Stone Soup "Costumes" *

For our performance I am also asking that each student dress in "costumes" for his/her part. Please use what you already have at home.

Here are some ideas:

* Villagers & Boy: old jeans, raggedy or plaid shirt, boots or tennis shoes.

For a little extra: patches,

spare denim belts, tuckers, etc.
hats or fancy scarves

* Substitute Announcement *

It is with great excitement that I announce our long-term substitute for when I am out on maternity leave from January 17th until the end of May. At first, I didn't think it was possible to get her, but Mrs. Burwinkel helped me pull some strings! Mrs. Vanderwell will be taking over our class starting on Tuesday, January 17th. I can't say enough WONDERFUL things about her- she is familiar with Westlake, knows your children from last year, has a HUGE heart, and is an incredible teacher!

We are lucky to have her!! She will be shadowing me during my last week in January and will be able to step smoothly into my place while I am gone. Please help me in welcoming her to our first grade class- I am confident you will love her, too!

* Friendly Reminders *

* Homework and Storybook Friends are due on Monday, since we don't have school tomorrow- Friday, November 11th.

* Field Trip Forms *

Our next field trip is coming up- be sure to turn in your child's permission slip by Wednesday of next week.

Thanks!

* Parent Conferences- Next Week *

Looking forward to meeting with each family next week for Parent-Teacher Conferences! Don't forget that Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are minimum days: 1:15 release times.

* Could you please return the pre-conference form before our conference time? Thanks!

Have a nice, long weekend! Smiles, Mrs.

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