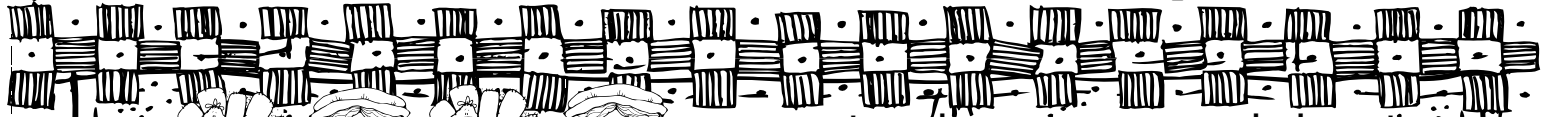




# First Grade News



## \* From the Desk of Mrs. Ashby \*

### Giving Thanks & Stone Soup

Our first graders were very excited to perform our Stone Soup Reader's Theater and make stone soup for all our Room 11 Families! We were equally as excited to do perform for our buddy class, too!

In addition to practicing our reader's theater, we also took time this week to write what we are thankful for, made acorn turkeys, followed a corn bread recipe and did some cooking, and did a darling little counting by five activity with turkey story problems! It was a special week & I'm so thankful to have such an incredible first grade class!

### \* Thank You, Thank You! \*

I greatly value meeting with parents to discuss the first graders' progress and set new goals for the coming trimesters- thank you everyone for attending Conferences and for being the supportive parents you are! I also would like to take the opportunity to thank ALL the wonderful parent volunteers this trimester- I couldn't do it without your reliable help! You are very appreciated!!

### \* Trimester Two Writing \*

Our second trimester will begin once we return from our Thanksgiving Break. I would like to let you know how you can nurture your child's writing at home as we move into new writing concepts in the coming months. Your child should be independently using capital letters in the right places and correct punctuation. If not, let's have them fix it and encourage them to do this on their own each time. We should also be making sure that ALL 100% words are spelled correctly. In class, I like to give them time to "just write"- get those wonderful thoughts and ideas down on the paper. When finished, students are asked reread and make sure that each 100% word is spelled correctly. If not, they should be fixing it each time. Hopes this helps guide you at home!

### \* Our December Writing Focus is on Ideas.

See the attached form for ways to encourage "ideas" in your child's writing!

\* Also, don't forget to write a comment on the back of your child's fall journal & return after break for our Journal

Party! Thank you!  
**November 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**



Thanksgiving

## Vacation!

\* Homework Packets are due  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>

