

November 14, 2011,

Dear Parents,

This is our last week before we break for Thanksgiving. If all goes as planned, we will finish up two units of study before we leave on Friday.

**Spelling/Vocabulary:** A typical sequence of events with our spelling and vocabulary. Encourage your child to keep studying all week long as we add new components to the unit.

**Writing:** During the course of the week, we will complete the chapter review, write a creative piece which will then be revised and edited, and produce an expository essay on personal Thanksgiving celebrations.

**Reading:** The reading of Don Quixote will conclude this week. To supplement the reading, students will write a short news article, create an acrostic poem, and compose a new adventure for Don Quixote with a modern day tilt. On Friday, we will take a short quiz over the last half of the novel and then watch an animated version of the story.

**Math:** On Tuesday, we will be having a presentation of the "Grade 13 and Beyond" scholarship program during our math time; therefore, we will not have a math lesson. Our next test for both groups will be on Wednesday.

**Red group ---** This group will continue to work on reducing fractions, dividing fractions, and finding common denominators.

**Blue group ---** Blue group will focus on reading a centimeter scale and writing tenths and hundredths as decimal numbers.

**Science:** We will complete our study of the Classification system on Wednesday and review for Friday's test. Students should be using their study guide, notes, and the various worksheets we have completed to aid them in preparing for this test.

**Social Studies:** We will begin our unit on Mesoamericans this week. I am hoping to cover most, if not all, the information dealing with the Mayan people before Friday. We will look at the geography of their homeland, read about their history, create our own hieroglyphics, and write myths similar to those that they passed down through the generations.

**Progress reports:** I will be sending home progress reports, and missing assignment reports if necessary, with all students on Tuesday. Please look over them, sign the first page, and return to school by Friday.

**Candy bar sales:** If you still have money or candy bars to turn in to the office, please do so as soon as possible.

**Artsonia:** Mrs. Warren is now posting student work on the Artsonia website. If you haven't completed the permission process yet, please do so that

she may post your child's artwork. The process is very simple and only takes a few minutes to complete.

**Book Fair:** Our annual book fair will take place in the gym after school all this week. Stop by and take a look at the wide variety of books and related materials.

**Thanksgiving Break:** Remember that we do not have school next week. I wish all of you a relaxing, safe, and enjoyable Thanksgiving!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact me at school or by e-mail ([lisarupple@re3j.com](mailto:lisarupple@re3j.com)).

Sincerely,

*Lisa Ruppel*

**Reminders:**

- Breakfast burritos are available every Wednesday for \$3.00.
- Bookmobile on Thursday
- Character Ed. Assembly on Friday at 8 a.m.
- Pizza hot lunch on Friday