

First Grade News from Room 12

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Upcoming Events

October 27th: Flu Clinic
and Parent Information
Night

October 30th Fun Run

Dear Families and Friends,

Next week as you know will be the Flu Clinic for those children that are signed up to receive their H1N1 vaccine. At this time I believe we may go down as a class to get our flu shots. If you think it will be helpful please feel free to send in their favorite stuffed animal on that day. It may also be helpful if they wear short sleeves. I too am scheduled to receive my flu shot and will do so with the children.

Over the break I hope to work on a Parent Volunteer schedule and will use the information that you gave me at Open House to set it up. I am anticipating using some extra hands on Mondays helping children with their initial word sorts and during some afternoons for our Writers' Workshop times. I will send it home as soon as it is finished.

As you have noticed the children are starting to bring home their Homework Folders. These folders are due back on Thursdays. It is expected that they complete the Math work. The word sorts are for you to keep so you know what words your child is working on that week. You may practice them at home as well if you have time. You do not need to return them as they have a set in their Word Study Notebook. I hope everyone is finding time to read during the week and filling out their Reading Log that I sent home in early October. This log should be returned next week in their Homework Folder.

Finally, it's hard to believe that half of the first trimester is finished. As a result the children's schedule on Thursday will be changing. We will no longer have LC on Thursday with Mrs. Duggan. Instead we will go up each Wednesday for a book exchange. They will no longer have French. These two sessions will return again during the second trimester. The remainder of the trimester will have the children receiving Health with Mrs. Hutton and Guidance with Ms. Wageman.

Enjoy the upcoming break with your children. Please read the short section on the next page about our upcoming Family Unit.

Family Unit

We have only just begun our new unit in Social Studies around the theme of Families. We recently worked on a writing piece focusing on things we like to do with our families in the fall. Soon we will be writing about a special place that is important to us or our family.

During the month of November we will be putting together a timeline of important events that have occurred in their lifetime. I hope you will find time to talk about important events that have occurred in your family and perhaps find photos that we may scan for our time lines. It would be great to have these photos by November 4th so I will have time to scan copies of these photos.