

Dear Parents,

We survived our week back after vacation! I was so happy to see all the Ellerbees!

This week I have been reflecting on YOU! I know you have way too much on your plate right now. All of our lives have been turned upside down. And yet, you are such an amazing support system for your children. I know it in so many ways. Of course, we are in communication constantly. You respond so quickly to emails, even in the middle of your busy day. But I also know this just from the sweet comments your children make in class. Just this week I had a student praise dad for making sure he had enough black pens. He called dad a superhero! I had a student regale me with how funny his dad is and how it really helps him stay positive. I had a student tell me how grateful she is for how her mom helps her to stay organized. I could go on and on...so heartwarming. Please know it is not taken for granted. You matter! And thanks for your partnership as you trust me to teach your children.

On to stuff to know...

REPORT CARDS

The district extended the deadline for teachers to finish report cards. So, the earlier dates for you to access them didn't happen. But, they will definitely be ready for you to view no later than 5:00 on December 9. They can be accessed through the Synergy Parent Portal. Thanks for your patience!

THE BLACK PENS ARE WORKING!

I just wanted to give you a quick update. The students are now consistently using black pens when they work on paper assignments. And it has made a world of difference!!! I can't thank you enough!

MATERIALS PICK UP DAY

I am confirming that our next materials pick up day is next **Wednesday, December 16. The time will be 11:00 – 12:00.** If you cannot make that time, please let me know. I am at school almost every day until 6:00 pm and I get to school at 7:30 am. If you let me know a good alternate time for you to drop by school, I am sure that will also work. Just send me an email.

In the bag, we will have more math chapters and more worksheets etc. I will also be sending home a secret packet full of material for our next social studies unit about Native Americans in California. Don't let your child open this! More info to come on that. Also, there will be another ziplock bag with more electricity stuff. (A huge thank you to Layne Northsea, Ellee's mom, for purchasing more stuff so the class can do even more fun electricity experiments. Wow!) There will also be some treats to save for us to eat at the holiday party on December 18. (Another big shout out to Regina VanOverschelde, Charlie's mom, for donating this to all the Ellerbees! Yum!)

Also, I will include any individual rewards students have earned in this bag. Woo hoo!

FOOD DONATIONS

Our student council is still collecting food donations this Wednesday and next Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:30. Please stick with canned goods or dry goods. It would make sense to bring something on the 16th since you are coming for Materials Pick Up that day anyway.

THURSDAY FYI

I just wanted to let you know that I have an unavoidable dentist appointment on Thursday morning. I will be in class in the morning as usual. I will leave at 9:40 to get to my appointment. The students will go to Music class from 10:00 to 10:45 as usual, followed by the usual break. Sometime between 11:00 and 12:00, the students have been assigned a review math page about interpreting remainders to get done. They can do it on their own or with a friend. Once that is done, they can go to their lunch break. And I will be back to read them Wayside Stories at 12:45 like usual. I also put this information for the students on the Announcement page on our website.

VIRTUAL PUPPET SHOW

Have I mentioned that our Lincoln PTA is awesome?

They have planned a fun, virtual puppet show for Lincoln families for free! The puppet show is called The Boy Who Cried Wolf. Sounds fun!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 17, at 7 PM.

Zoom link to be published prior to the show.

We have made it to the end of my weekly email. Do you think they are at least getting a little shorter? I think the first one I sent in August was 3 pages long! Right?

Two weeks before our winter break!

Stay safe,

Ruth