

Dear Parents,

We made it through a crazy week! Whew!

Even though it was definitely NOT normal, we still managed to squeeze a little fun out of Halloween! I'm sure you are aware that we always start the day with a few jokes. Last week our jokes had a theme...Halloween, of course! And we had a very nontraditional party. We played Halloween Bingo and then we all drew a picture of a monster. I'm posting all the drawings that get sent to me. It's not too late to send me another spooky monster picture! It's on our website. And, a huge virtual hug to everyone I got to see last night trick or treating! That was the highlight of my day!

On to stuff to know.

NEW ASSIGNMENT CHECKLIST ON WEBSITE

I had a brainstorm that I am hoping will be helpful. I created a new page on our website. The plan is that I will post each week a simple list of the work that needs to be done and submitted that week.

The idea is it will be an easy way to see a simple list of work. Either take a screenshot or copy the list down. Post this list where your child will see it every day, most likely where their school space is. Then, check it off when the assignment is done. But the next step is very critical...highlight the assignment when it is actually sent to me. I hope this will help with the organization piece. It will also be a quick glance for you to know what is due each week. Please let me know if this ends up being useful.

THE BIG CALIFORNIA REGIONS TEST IS HAPPENING

We are having our first social studies unit test this Friday! This changes our routine a little. It actually turns out perfect that the afternoons are open for studying!

The Social Studies page on the website outlines what to do Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in order to be prepared. Also, the students should go to the Test Support page and click on the link to the California Regions Test. This page has the study guide posted. It lists all the sections of the test and what will be on it. It also has a California map "key" the students can use as reference for when they are practicing all the places they need to know for the test. I am asking that on Thursday night you can spend some time doing some general quizzing from the Background Sheets and study materials your child made during the week. This should help them feel prepared for the test on Friday.

iREADY FYI

This week when the students go to iReady on Wednesday, they will do something different. They will be asked to take a second diagnostic to check on their progress. They need to do this instead of the regular practice work. There are no minimum minutes required this week. They just need to complete the diagnostic.

LINCOLN TOWN HALL MONDAY NIGHT

As you know, the district is considering closing some of our schools. Lincoln is on the list of possible closures. There is a Town Hall meeting that is specifically for our Lincoln Community. If you can make it, please plan on attending. It will be from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://cusdk8.zoom.us/j/89908757734?pwd=bWN0NlVlWHM3bHREbmUxbWR5dnhzQT09>

Passcode: 421977

HALF DAYS CONTINUE THIS WEEK

We will continue to have no classes in the afternoon this week. However, the students should still be doing their assignments. They have math, two new roots, and mostly studying for the California Regions Test.

Last week many students did not submit their work. I think that things just felt so crazy with the half day schedule and the excitement over Halloween. Please make sure your child is studying for the big test and staying caught up on all assignments. Thank you so much!

We have made it through October! Amazing!

Stay safe,

Ruth