

Dear Parents,

We are on a 5 day countdown to winter break! It's hard to believe!

I wanted to share an awesome moment from last week with you all. As you know, we are learning about California Missions. And part of this unit is to alternate the learning with a fun review game called Mission Control. (Now, don't tell your student this, but the most important reason for doing the game is to actually review information to prepare for the unit test. That will be our secret. LOL!) And, of course, it is also to have some fun. So, one day last week, the kids were returning to class and I was monitoring (as is usual) but they didn't know I was listening. When, lo and behold, they started to quiz each other on the mission unit questions! They took turns answering questions. They cheered when the answers were correct, and they helped each other with the answers when it was a hard question. I didn't want to interrupt so I just listened with the biggest grin on my face! Too cute! Who says games are not about learning?

On to stuff to know...

### **MATERIALS PICK UP INFORMATION**

We ARE doing our materials pick-up on Wednesday (12/16) from 11:00 to 12:00.

I know we are all concerned about health and safety. If you prefer not to open the car window when you pull up to Lincoln, just pop the trunk and I can put the bag inside.

As always, please have your child's name, grade, and teacher on a piece of paper you display in the window.

FYI, the only item in the bag that matters for this week is the goody bag of treats for the party. If you are unable to pick up the items before Friday, would it be possible to provide a little treat for your child to eat during our party?

I am sending home:

- Math book chapters 5, 5, 7
- Green folder with the next social studies unit student guide (about California Native Americans) and another packet of Greek/Latin roots
- Another ziplock bag full of electricity stuff. Please consolidate this with the bag sent home earlier. We will be needing this for lots of electricity activities this trimester.  
**Please keep everything safe as I will need you to return the bag with all the supplies.**  
The items included are: a 2<sup>nd</sup> battery holder, a 2<sup>nd</sup> battery, 2 more wires, 2 more lightbulbs, another light socket, and a small bag with misc. items that we will use when we learn about conductors and insulators.
- A brown envelope labeled "Name – Survival Unit – Do NOT open. Inside are items we will need when we start our Native American unit. It has highly secret stuff they will need to have during our Secret Name Ceremony, along with a few other items needed for some activities during the unit. Please keep this in a safe place. We will start this unit at the end of January.
- A brown bag full of treats to enjoy during our class party on Friday the 18th.

- A ziplock bag with another test practice mini notebook, with a lollipop included just for fun.
- Some students will have an individual prize included.

### **OWL PELLET BAG**

Along that line, a ziplock bag was sent home earlier with the owl pellet stuff. Please return the tools (tweezers, some sort of file or poking tool, wooden poking tool). I think the best way is to return it on Materials Pick Up Day. We can do an exchange.

### **SIZE 14 FONT REMINDER**

Just a quick reminder for students to type in a font that is size 14 or larger. This is especially important right now as students are making their own Google Docs to do the Mission Control SMAART sheet assignments. I have no idea why, but the default font is set at size 11! So tiny! I am needing to change the font size before I can grade the work. Thanks for your help!

### **MUSIC CLASS**

Our class attends music at 10:00 on Thursdays. Mr. Cooper does give music assignments for the students to do. This past trimester they had a total of 7 assignments. Please remind your child that these assignments are required. If you received a comment on the report card from Mr. Cooper, it means your child turned in 2 or less assignments last trimester.

### **TALENT SHOW**

We are going to have a talent show for our holiday party on Friday. Hooray! I added information about this on the Announcements page on our class website. Please check it out. No one is required to share a talent, but right now we have 20 students who have signed up. I can't wait to see what the talented Ellerbees share!

### **LAST DAY FOR FOOD DONATIONS**

This Wednesday is the last day to donate food items for our Lincoln Student Council sponsored event. The timing works out well for our Wednesday pick up time. Their collection time is 11:30 to 12:30 which overlaps. But anything you drop off earlier, I will definitely pass on to Mrs. Nastari or Mr. Morgan. Please stick with canned goods or dry goods. Thanks so much for helping out families in need during this difficult time!

### **PARENT COMMITMENT FORM**

I believe the Parent Commitment Form was sent to all CUSD families by the district office on December 11. This is in regards to schools reopening. This is a follow up survey sent home earlier asking for your thoughts and feedback about this. This form is asking parents to make a commitment as to whether you want your child to participate in on site class (hybrid model) or remain with long distance learning. Please email Mrs. Kropp if you have questions about this.

### **LINCOLN PTA FUN EVENT REMINDER**

Message from our wonderful PTA: Join us for our next Family Fun Night - a virtual Puppet Show ("The Boy Who Cried Wolf" - with a holiday twist!).

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 17, at 7 PM.  
(Early entry for PTA members at 6:45 PM.)

**Zoom link to be published prior to the show.**

The event is FREE for all, sponsored by Lincoln PTA! (Membership is highly encouraged and appreciated - join today at: <https://jointotem.com/ca/cupertino/lincoln-elementary-pta> )  
See you at the show!

**“COFFEE” WITH MRS. KROPP**

Mrs. Kropp is hosting a virtual meeting on Monday, December 14, from 10:00 to 11:00. She will be discussing the details regarding schools reopening. This is a good time to ask questions and get clarifications about something we are all concerned about. Mrs. Kropp sent an email about this to all Lincoln families. If you need the link or other information, please email Mrs. Kropp or the office. ([fong\\_sharon@cusdk8.org](mailto:fong_sharon@cusdk8.org))

Thanks, as always, for reading this long email.

Let the countdown to vacation begin!

Stay safe,

Ruth