

Dear Room 11 Parents,

I can hardly believe that there are only three more weeks of 2018! We are continuing to work hard and learn new things. Reminder: if you find any pinecones with open scales, please bring them to Room 11. I would love to have them for next year for our pinecone turkey pals!

On Monday, you will find the new homework packet of activities for December in your child's homework bag. The new math games focus on subtraction. They are both on my website: Roll and Record Subtraction and Five-In-A-Row Subtraction. This week's nightly reading will be the November Poems. Please read 4 poems minimum each day. Share, take turns, read chorally, etc. Enjoy!

We read poetry in class daily. I usually stop and ask the students to share any words in the poem which make interesting and detailed pictures (visualizations) in their minds. Please do the same at home with anything that you read aloud, in particular, books with few or no pictures. The more opportunities your child has to verbalize his/her thinking, the more growth in all dimensions that occur. I also encourage you to read poetry to/with your child and enjoy the melody of language. There is no need that every word is understood. It's all being soaked up!

Please see your child's writing on the wall, "A Time I Missed My Mom Or Dad", based on the book, *Best Friends Sleep Over*, by Jacqueline Rogers. It is part of a program that we use to develop reading comprehension skills. The students are practicing "text to self" connections between a story and their own personal experiences in life. An example of a text-to-self response might be, "This story reminds me of a vacation we took to my grandparents' farm."

Thank you so much!

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### Volunteers This Week

W Library 9:55-10:50

Katie Fort

TH Art 9:55-10:50 (whole class)

Leigha Heydt & Allison Ponce de Leon

### On the Calendar

Nov. 26-Dec. 7

Holiday Toy Drive - Nov. 13-Dec. 7

Dec. 24-Jan. 4

Winter Break

Mon., Jan. 7, 2019

Return to school

Mon., Jan. 21

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tue., Feb. 5

100th Day of School

Feb. 18-22

Mid-Winter Break

**Sight Words:** its, who, now, people, my