

Dear Room 11 Parents,

I hope you've had a very nice 3-day weekend. I hope some of you were able to catch the Blood Moon Eclipse. It was incredible how the night sky cleared enough to see quite a bit, at least up here in San Rafael.

The children just finished writing an opinion piece about Martin Luther King, Jr. We started by compiling all of the facts that you shared in your interview at home. We made a chart of those facts that were about his work, accomplishments, beliefs, teaching, etc. Then they wrote their piece: an opinion, two reasons or facts to support the opinion, and a closing sentence restating the opinion. I also led the students in a directed drawing of MLK. They did a fantastic job! Please look for your child's Martin Luther King, Jr. writing and drawing project hanging in Rm. 11.

Chinese New Year 2019 begins on Tue., Feb. 5. If anyone would like to share this very special cultural celebration with the class, please let me know. I will be teaching a little about it but we always love more!

The 100th Day of School is on Wed., Feb. 6. The students will be getting together with Mrs. Faulkner/Mrs. Suppes' 3rd Graders for various math activities having to do with the number 100. Lots of fun!

Global School Play Day is also on Wed., Feb. 6. While we plan to get some work accomplished, many classrooms at Park will join in the "play" spirit of the day. My class will be joining Kim Kirley's Kindergartners for some serious playtime!

You can watch a presentation by Dr. Peter Gray of Boston College on the decline of play in our culture. In the video he shares his passion for unstructured play and why this day should be celebrated the first Wednesday of February each year at schools around the world.

Decline of Play (Peter Gray - TedTalk) 16 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgGEzM7iTk&feature=youtu.be&list=PLc695sWmPGpybRuxvaPgvwd2s8eGqAWYj>

Global School Play Day (Peter Gray) 1 min. 25 sec.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VypnawAFTxM&list=PLc695sWmPGpybRuxvaPgvwd2s8eGqAWYj&index=3>

Thank you!

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Volunteers This Week

W	Library 9:55-10:50	Juliette Bartlett
TH	Art 9:55-10:50 (B Group)	Mei Hollander

On the Calendar

Wed., Feb. 6	100th Day of School & Global School Play Day
Feb. 18-22	Mid-Winter Break
Thu., Feb. 28	Math Night
Tue., Mar. 5	Field Trip-creek restoration, Tiburon Marsh on Ring Mountain 10:30-12:30
Fri., Mar. 8	No School - Teacher Work Day
Tue., Mar. 12	KIDDO First Grade Performance 8:45-9:15
Fri., Mar. 22	Oceans Assembly / Banana Slug Band 10:45-12:00
Apr. 8-12	No School - Spring Break

Sight Words: long, little, very, after, words