

Dear Room 11 Parents,

I hope that your Veteran's Day weekend has been relaxing and you are staying healthy!

I enjoyed our first week of conferences and look forward to sitting down with the rest of you this week. I appreciate getting to know the children through your eyes!

The Food Bank Barrels are up by the office through Nov. 22. We appreciate any food that you would like to contribute. Boxed or canned food is preferred, nothing fresh or fragile. Also, our Holiday Toy Drive has started and we'll be collecting toys through Dec. 6. Please see the Treebune for details.

The Holiday Book Fair is coming up! It will be in the auditorium from Nov. 18-22 (M-F). What a wonderful place to buy books for holiday gifts! The children will come home with a brief wish list to share with you.

In December, I will teach the children all about the Nutcracker ballet by Tchaikovsky. We will study the music and about the ballet. I used to sing at the Opening Night Gala of the San Francisco Ballet each year. I encourage you to take your child to see this fantastic stage production of the classic Christmas tale originally written in 1816 by the German author, E.T.A. Hoffmann.

I would love to welcome you to share about your family winter holiday traditions. If you celebrate Hanukkah, Santa Lucia Day, Las Posadas, St. Nicholas Day, etc., you and your child may want to share about it in class. Please let me know if you would like to come and share a story, special project or traditional foods. We would love it! It's not too early to begin planning for December!

With the holidays upon us, some of you may have travel plans that involve your child missing class. Please let me know of any dates that your child will be out as soon as possible. It helps me to plan and decide which projects to do and when to do them. I always try to include those students that will be gone. Also, please be sure to communicate with me personally. Attendance is between the school and parents, not the students. The children often have dates and times wrong so I rely on information directly from you.

Thank you!

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### Volunteers This Week

W Library 9:55-10:50	Meghan Ellis
TH Art 9:55-10:50 (B Group)	Mark Chu Cheong

### On The Calendar

Nov. 4-15	Conferences - early 1:45 dismissal, no enrichment classes
Nov. 18-22	Book Fair in auditorium
Nov. 25-29	No School – Thanksgiving Week
Nov. 12-Dec. 6	Toy Drive – see Treebune for details
Wed., Dec. 18	Winter Sing-A-Long Assembly 8:30-9:30 in auditorium
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Winter Break - no school (return Mon., Jan. 6, 2020)

Sight Words: **as, with, his, they, at** (look for these in daily reading)