

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 Friday. We appreciate any food that you would like to contribute. Boxed or canned food is preferred, nothing fresh or fragile.

In December, I will teach the children all about the Nutcracker ballet by Tchaikovsky. 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 with our class. Please let me know if you would like to come and share a story, special project or traditional foods. We would love it!

The Holiday Book Fair will be the week after we return from our Thanksgiving Break. It will be in the auditorium Nov. 26-30 (M-F). See the schedule below on the calendar.

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	Leigha Heydt
TH	Art 9:55-10:50 (whole class)	Allison Ponce de Leon & Sarah Chan

### On the Calendar

Nov. 19-23	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 26-30	Holiday Book Fair - M, T, TH 8:00-4:00, W 8:00-3:00, F 8:00-1:00
Nov. 26-Dec. 7	Holiday Toy Drive - Nov. 26-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
Feb. 18-22	Mid-Winter Break

Sight Words: **make, first, its, now, my**