

# Newsletter

## November 6th, 2015

### YOU ARE INVITED...

Please join us on Wednesday, November 18th. Our class will be leading the Lower School Thanksgiving Chapel. The service will begin around 8:20. Please sit in the middle section, in the back of the chapel, behind the students. We look forward to sharing this very special service with our families.

### Patriot's Day

Dear Fourth and Fifth Grade Families,

Friday, November 13 is our second annual celebration of Patriots' Day. Our commemoration, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by lunchtime, offers fourth and fifth graders a morning in the life of colonial America. Special thanks to fifth grade lead teacher, Bettie Manning as well as a host of parent volunteers, led by Sarah Murray, for organizing this fun event. Due to their skillful planning, students do not need to bring in, dress up or prepare anything from home. As soon as they arrive on campus, our fourth and fifth grade teachers, alongside our dutiful volunteers, will whisk them away to the 18th century.

We are looking forward to a jubilant morning!

Ms. Marshall and Mrs. Houghton

### Updates, Reminders, & FYIs

#### This Week

- ✓ Monday through Friday is G through D Days.
- ✓ Tuesday - Chapel

#### FYIs... 👁️👁️

Scheduling for the Parent Conferences on November 19th & 20th is completed. You will be getting the schedule this week. If your time is not convenient, please trade with another parent. If this is not an option, let me know. We can always schedule another mutually convenient day/time

Our wild and crazy class piled into the classroom at the end of the day from PE. They didn't get the "Papers to be Signed and Returned" form. I sent home a lot of work that needs to be signed. Attached to the newsletter update email is the form. Thank you for signing and returning the noted papers. If you can't print the form... no worries. Please sign and return the papers. Thank You

Please visit the Scrapbook on our class website for some great pictures throughout the year!

# Here's What We Are Studying

## Math

We completed the Unit 4 lessons on Thursday. We reviewed today and will review again on Monday. The assessment will be given on Tuesday. Chapel rehearsals will begin first thing each morning starting on Wednesday. Math lessons for the next unit will continue, but may be abbreviated depending on the level of difficulty.

## Reader's Workshop

Our new genre study is nonfiction. We will concentrate on our historical studies, along with various high interest articles to strengthen reading comprehension skills and strategies. We will focus on breaking down the structure of nonfiction text, determining what is important, and arming ourselves with ways to confront "inconsiderate" text.

All readers will be reading the same book for our next book club. Comparing jottings and insights while analyzing important people, events, and ideas is our goal.

## Writer's Workshop

### New Focus: "Say What?" Boot Camp

Last week writers worked on punctuating dialogue when the tag is before, in the middle of, and/or after the dialogue. They also were emailed a paragraph to unravel/correct. Knowing when to indent and how to correctly punctuate dialogue is not easy. The students will be given additional practice pages for further support. Our next focus will be on the important role that tags play in providing more insight into the characters and events.

**Word Study** - The Sort 6 will be provided next week. (Maybe!)

**Weekly Writing** - I am thrilled that our writer's loved crafting their "Creepy" stories last week. This week, we will continue to improve upon these stories as our dialogue/tag lessons unfold. Due to the amount of time the students will be out of the classroom rehearsing for chapel, I am not assigning weekly writing. I would like for our scholars to concentrate on completing their math and any other assigned work.

## Social Studies

With Patriot's Day on Friday, it's time to dive into our colonial studies. Our first unit is called, Early Colonization. The students will be learning about the first English settlements. What was it like to carve out a place in the New World? Well, we will soon find out!

## TTL Reminder...

The next TTL goal is to complete through lesson 16 by February 12th. I hope everyone realizes that the time to get started is now!