

## *Kindergarten Newsletter*

*November 13, 2009*

### *Literacy:*

We finished our quilt unit this week. It was fun seeing and hearing about all the special quilts and blankets you sent in. We wrote about quilts, built our own quilts out of paper and pattern blocks. Our week ended by reading *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*. We learned that quilts were used as maps to freedom by the slaves. We went on our own freedom run using symbols and maps and we made it to Canada (out the locker room doors) and freedom.

Kindergarteners learned the words "at" and "that" this week. They read the word "at" but they also built words using the "at" family. We are getting good at changing the beginning sounds and building new words.

We will start our unit about the *Mayflower* and the pilgrims next week. We will be making a TLC book and learning the Thanksgiving story by doing activities that go along with each page.

We would like to thank Corporal Bob McLane for coming to our class and speak about his time with the Marines. He visited us on Tuesday to remind us why we did not have school on Wednesday. **Thanks to all our Veterans!**

### *Treasure Book:*

Our treasure book this week was *The Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flournoy. It is about a girl named Tanya who learns the importance of family, tradition and memories from her grandmother and by spending a year making a quilt. Tanya continues to make the quilt even when her grandmother falls ill. She is presented the finished quilt by her mother and grandmother (who eventually recovers) as a special gift. The treasure will be a patch of fabric. Next week's story is *The Plump and Perky Turkey*. A clever turkey named Pete finds a way to escape Thanksgiving dinner.

### **Math:**

We continued with patterns this week. Larger numbers are always being reviewed. We will do a little measuring next week.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- *Please send in a November snack if you haven't.*
- *You may send in a water bottle for your child to drink from. This will reduce water fountain germ spreading.*
- *Check below if you signed up for a Thanksgiving donation.*

### **Dates To Remember:**

Nov. 25: 1:30 dismissal

Nov. 26-27: No School~Happy Thanksgiving

Dec. 7: PTO mtg @ 7:00 in Library

Dec. 9: Holiday concert @7:00

Dec. 22-Jan 3: No School~Merry Christmas

Jan. 4: School Resumes

*Have a nice weekend!*

*Mrs. Kelzer, Miss Redfearn & Mrs. Wurster*

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Yes you agreed to donate \_\_\_\_\_ for our Thanksgiving feast. Thank you. Please send it to school by Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ No donation is needed at this time.