

Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to Parent/Teacher Conferences. This will be a time of celebrating your child's accomplishments so far this year. If there are ever any concerns I will contact you right away so there will not be any surprises at the conferences. :) If you are having a hard time finding a good time slot, let me know and we can work something out.

Highlights from this week to discuss with your child:

1. The "Season of Love" poster contest papers were sent home on Tuesday. Some students are choosing to draw their posters at home. If your child wants to enter the contest, please sign the back and return it to school and I will forward it to the Mayor's Office. More information is on the back of the poster. You are also welcome to drop it off at the Mayor's Office yourself. Please return to school by Tuesday. Thanks!

2. We dove into our study of sea creatures by comparing our new beta fish to some visiting goldfish. Ask your child how the fish are the same and how they are different. Hopefully you will hear them using their new vocabulary (gills, dorsal fins, streamlined)

3. We are in the middle of reading a true story about a diver's incredible undersea experience off the coast of Florida who encounters 3 dolphins asking him for help. Why do you think the dolphins chose this diver instead of the others? How do you think the baby got into trouble? How is the diver going to save the baby dolphin? Do you think this could happen to you?

4. We are starting practice on our Holiday Program song. Copies of the song, *Silver and Gold*, by Burl Ives came home on Tuesday. This is a great reading opportunity! I am excited already. We are planning something very special for everyone to enjoy!

5. We counted all our treats for the troops. We counted 1,997 pieces of candy. Ask your child how much we counted and how we rounded the number off to help us remember it. Do you think there will be enough candy for all the troops on the Navy Ship?

Your partner in education, Mrs. Teresa Pape