

Dear Parents,

Highlights from this week to discuss with your child:

1. Our annual bake sale to help find the cure for breast cancer is coming up on Friday, October 6th. This community outreach and service project includes science as we research cancer, literacy as we make signs and posters to advertise our sale (communication and creativity), and math as we measure our ingredients to make our chocolate chip cookie dough balls (collaboration) and as we count our coins to buy our treats. Please help you child start saving quarters and dimes to use on the day of the Bake Sale. Estimate how much will be needed. We will visit the bake sale after lunch on October 6th. If you want your child to buy a treat, PLEASE send quarters and dimes instead of dollar bills in a Ziplock bag with your child's name on it the day of the sale. There will be some items available for a dollar or less.

2. Thanks to Mia and her family for letting their hamster visit our classroom for the week. His name is Mr. Brown. Brainstorm as many words as you can that rhyme with brown.

3. Today, Friday, you will see a lot of green and black as we dress in the colors to remind us of the hurricane victims who are still rebuilding their lives. Each of us donated \$2 in order to dress out of uniform. How much money did our class raise all together for the hurricane victims? Estimate how much money the entire school raised by each donating \$2.

4. We have a lot of people to thank so we created a song to help us. This song can be changed to meet different situations. Have your child teach you the song and have fun thinking of more people we can thank.

5. We had another beautiful sunny day for our trip to the Mayor's Office. We sat in the Mayor's seat to debate and vote on whether or not citizens of Des Plaines should be allowed to have chickens. We did a mapping activity. Individual maps came home on Thursday. See if your child can tell you the directions to school or to the store next time you go. You may be surprised how much thinking goes into an activity like this. It also helps them be more observant of signs and store fronts which lead to reading.

Plus it reinforces the directions of right and left which we are learning in class.

We have some more field trips planned and we are visiting the library on Thursday mornings so it is important that everyone arrive on time every day. Our goal is for 100% punctuality; we are *almost* there. ☺

Can any of you tune our guitar? If so, you can either stop by at your convenience or bring the guitar home to tune. Thanks!

As always, be sure to read Parents' Notes from the office. I try not to repeat the information in my newsletter so it is important that you read it every week.

Your partner in education, Mrs. Teresa Pape

"The important thing is not to stop questioning." – Albert Einstein