

November 11, 2010



## In Room 13...

Dear Parents,

Hey, did you know that our newsletter is on the internet? Just go to the Robert Down website and click on the "Robert Down Staff" link at the left hand side of the page. Find "Mrs. Johnson" and click to be connected to our newsletter!

### Canned Food Drive

Bring in canned or boxed goods to help our community to provide food for people who are in need.

### Community of Caring Presentation

On Tuesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:10, our entire second grade will be singing a song and doing a short presentation about respect. You are welcome to come to the show. It is in the Ottertorium and lasts about 10-15 minutes or so.

### Thanksgiving Readers' Theatre and Feast

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving Season, all the second graders will be putting on a play. It is a traditional Readers' Theatre Thanksgiving play. It will be performed on Wed., Nov. 24, at 10:15AM in the cafeteria. Parents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Mr. Hiserman's class and our class are going to be the Native Americans and Mrs. Spade's students are going to be the Pilgrims. Does anyone have Native American (Indian) outfits that we could borrow for the play? Please have your children bring in the outfits so we can see how many we will still need to borrow from other classes. THANK YOU!

After the play, we will have a small feast in the cafeteria in honor of the first Thanksgiving. I am asking that each child bring a finger food that they like to eat and would like to share with the others. (Examples: small sandwiches, carrots, peanut butter/cream cheese and celery, popcorn, small muffins). Please keep the amount small and simple, and send it on a paper plate or some other disposable dish. We will supply the plates, cups, napkins, and juice.

I would love to have a few parents come a little early to set up for the Feast and to help clean up afterwards. Any volunteers?

Have a great week!

Mrs. Johnson

## Curriculum Topics

**Reading:** Kindness is our focus as we read "Corduroy." The story emphasizes the need to befriend others regardless of their outward appearance.

**Math:** Graphing lessons start this week!

**Writing:** Writing workshop continues and your students are coming up with some amazing and creative stories!

**Science:** We look forward to starting a new unit on the body with Mrs. Spade!

**Social Studies:** Quiz your student and ask him/her if he/she knows the two major mountain ranges in the United States. (Rocky Mountains and Appalachian Mountains) Can they remember the oceans that are on each side?

**Art/Theatre:** This week we will spend time practicing our Thanksgiving play.

## Important Dates

**Nov. 16** – 10:10 Community of Caring

**Nov. 24** – 12:10 Dismissal

**Nov. 25-26** – Thanksgiving Holiday

## Volunteer Opportunity

**Nov. 24** – 9:30 – 12:00 Help with  
Thanksgiving Feast

*Did your child sign up to be in the Holiday Chorus?  
Practices are Mon. 11-15 after school  
as well as Tues. and Thurs. during lunch*