



First Grade News

OCTOBER 18, 2010

37TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Hope your little feet have recovered from the Walkathon!

It's been busy days around here! This week promises to be filled with surprises, new concepts, and more work on being kind and showing respect for others, things, and ourselves.

We have several events happening very soon involving drivers to special places in Oakland. This Friday, our first car load of students will bring birthday greetings to senior friends at the Mercy Care and Retirement Center. Each month, one or two volunteers are invited to escort a small group to deliver our birthday greetings and to sing Happy Birthday to the seniors.

On October 27, the class will visit Corazon del Pueblo, a treasured resource in the community. During this visit, we'll learn about the craft of making and decorating calaveras, sugar skulls. Please offer to drive on this trip - it's close by!

What would Halloween be without sharing our adorable costumes and trick-or-treating with seniors! We'll need drivers to take us back to the Mercy Center on Friday, October 27 to have a little bit of fun. Another permission form will be coming your way. Be sure to check the web site if you're missing any of the forms.



This week, we'll complete our Hispanic Heritage Month

studies with a session with Senora Eggert who will speak to us about Mexico. We love the tradition of fiestas, pinatas, and we'll be learning about altars in preparation for Dia de los Muertos.

For her visit on Friday, we'll be creating boxes to honor the memory of loved ones. Please send a small photo (copies only) to be placed in the box. Keep it small - the box is only 5.5 x 9. We could use some decorative materials: sequins, lace, sparklies, ribbon, etc. Thanks for sending these in for Friday.



Muchas Gracias, Senor Herreras!

Our special guest shared

with us his family's roots in Espana. We saw the crest on an old castle which belonged to the family and would love to sample churros with chocolate! We learned about the many languages spoken throughout Spain. And we were impressed by the powerful navy of Spain.

Again, muchas gracias to the guests who came to share something special about their Hispanic family roots.

Sr. Sandeen - Ecuador
Sr. Bucheli - Ecuador
Sr. de Palm - Puerto Rico
Sr. Herreas - Spain
Sr. Eggert - Mexico
Sr. Ruiz - Cosa Rica

Reminders

1. Field trip permission forms for Corazon del Pueblo - Wednesday, October 27 from 12:45 - 2:45 p.m.
2. Reading Logs are due next week. Please remember to add up the number of minutes you've enjoyed reading aloud to your child. No credit can be given if the Reading Log is late. Results will be reflected on the Report Card.
3. Permission form for the one car load of students visiting the Mercy Center on Friday.
4. Remember that we appreciate your support and help!