

October 31, 2016

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to all of you who volunteered at our Harvest Party on Friday. Thanks to Christine Hokenson, Merry Beck, and Jady Karpe for planning stations and bringing in supplies. Thanks to Katie Falbo and Lani Kranz for painting 27 faces. Thanks



to Alicia Reuter for remembering how to make rainbow loom bracelets using pencils and a clothespin—it helps to have returning parents who remember doing certain stations from several years ago. Thanks also to Angie Phillips, Terry Brooks, Debbie Kiskila, Melissa Albert, and to both of Lucy Pilgrim's grandmas and one grandpa for helping wherever there was a need.

Everything ran so smoothly, and the kids were engaged and had a lot of fun. Also, thanks to Mount Olivet Church for providing the pumpkins that were either painted or taken home. If your child's pumpkin was still wet, it had time to dry over the weekend, and will definitely come home on Monday.

Monday will hopefully be a normal day, although I'm sure there will be much buzz about Halloween, and an eagerness for the school day to end. Our morning will be taken up with Weekend News, Small Moment stories, ABC order, and meeting with Reading groups. In the afternoon, the children will have Phy Ed, Math & Science, and then back home for an exciting evening.

This will be a short week, but full of activities and learning. Thanks to those who have volunteered their time in the classroom over the next two weeks. I could use at least two volunteers each day. Writing Small Moment stories is sometimes a challenge, and it helps the children to have some one-on-one help. If you can add your name to a day or two that already has a name next to it, the children and I would be so grateful. Here is the link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Sv0DI3HRcfoXgwnfRWpIQ0gtm_K5MLSzXsWuUzrrB0/edit?usp=sharing

I think the first week of Spelling went well. Because of the short week this week, there will be no spelling or test given. It will resume next Monday, November 7.

Thanks, and have a great week!