Dear Families,

It’s Spirit Week at SAP! Of course, no participation is required, but it’s kind of fun to build community while at the same time enjoy each child’s unique qualities... Monday is Backwards Day, Tuesday is Silly Socks Day, Wednesday is Rainbow Day and Thursday is St. Anthony Park Day – our school mascot is a wolf and our school colors are blue and white. Please see below for a related opportunity to help support our 5th graders as they fundraise towards a trip to Wolf Ridge spring 2020.

It’s also conference week. I’m really looking forward to discussing your child’s personal, social, and academic growth and goals with you. Please be aware that conferences are limited to 20 minutes so we can fit everyone in. If you aren’t certain of your time, please email me or call Jane in the office.

Monday is Veteran’s Day, and our Scholastic News honors a group of World War II veterans whose stories were not made public until recently. The indigenous Navajo people spoke a language that had never been written down, which made it perfect for an unbreakable code on the Pacific front. History is fascinating.

In math this week we’ll continue Unit 3 with a focus on counting money and making change using strategies like counting up or subtracting the amount paid from the purchase price. At home, you can help by playing cashier, or by taking your child shopping, having some actual cash at hand, and asking her/him to figure out the change needed when you over pay. Be aware for most kids at this stage it is very important to begin counting pennies up to the nearest 0 (multiple of 10) and from there they can add dimes or dollars. If a child is starting to make change in the 10s or 100s place, they will often encounter errors. For example: Cost: $.28; Paid with $.50. Some children will incorrectly say the change should be $.32 because they are looking at twenty cents plus thirty cents equals fifty cents. A more accurate method is to count two more pennies to thirty cents, then two more dimes to make $.22 in change.

We will begin a social studies project called Me on the Map. It helps children visualize the relationships between the earth, a continent, a country, a state, a city, a school, and an individual. You can help at home by talking and looking at different types of maps and clarifying the differences between continents and countries (that’s where the most confusion occurs).

General Information:

- Specialist classes: S, M, AI, PE
- 11/11 Backwards Day
- 11/12 Silly Socks Day
- 11/13 Public Library 12:20 Please come join us on our walk to the library.
- 11/13 Wear the Rainbow Day
- 11/14 SAP Spirit Day
- 11/13 & 14 Evening Conferences 3:00 – 6:00
- 11/15 No School Day Conferences
- 11/18 Ordway Theater 10:00
- 11/22 Reading Celebration 12:45
- 11/28 – 29 No School
- The weekly newsletter can be found on the school website: https://www.spps.org/domain/237

Best, Ms. Lee and Mr. Lor mao.lee@spps.org