Dear Families,  

November 25 – 27, 2019

What a lovely reading celebration! A huge thank you to all the family members who donated delicious, healthy food, and helped decorate the multipurpose room for our get-together. It’s so fun to witness the students’ authentic voices and choices regarding their reading. There were some intriguing books up there! We also hope those who attended had a chance to make connections within our SAP community.

One item of interest that came up during conferences was how we handle errors here at school. At this point, we prefer to let the students practice skills independently, then give feedback while the process is going on. If there is a misconception or an error, we circle it, and have the child look at it again. We can then help by reteaching or redirecting a child’s thinking in a different direction. Circling errors can also be a strategy for homework help.

This week is short, so we will not have any Scholastic News. Instead, read for 20 minutes or more every night at home and enjoy family time. We will also continue learning some history, in particular the indigenous Wampanoag experience we began exploring last week.

Math continues with finding differences in weight using a Start Change End diagram and reviewing the Part–Part–Total diagram.

Minnesota winter weather is now establishing itself. We go outside each day, unless extreme cold temperatures hit. Young students will need labeled snow-pants for warmth, a winter coat, a hat, mittens/gloves, and waterproof boots. The winter boots will not be allowed in the classrooms. They drip mud, salt and water over the rugs that we spend a lot of time sitting on, so please also plan on sending (or leaving) a pair of shoes at school for daily wear. We have talked about this guideline in class, and students know about it. Thanks so much.

General Information:

- Specialist classes: M, AI, PE
- 11/28 – 29 No School
- 12/11 Public Library
- 12/13 Spirit Day MisMatch Day
- 12/21 – 1/5/20 No School Winter Break
- 1/13 Physics Force at the U of M
- 1/17 Dr. King Program 9:00

Best, Ms. Lee and Mr. Lor  

mao.lee@spps.org