

December 6, 2019  
Homework Packet #12

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and have gently settled back into your routines. I am writing this letter prior to our field trip today. Thank you for all you have done to prepare your child for the field trip, and thank all of you who were chaperones. Your next and last opportunity to chaperone for this year will be on May 14, 2020 when we go to Midway Village Museum Center. I haven't finalized the cost per student, but as you budget for the month of May, each child will need to pay no more than \$15.00 for the field trip. If we have a lot of parents who want to chaperone, we may need to charge the chaperones. Please remember the children had a mystery book report due today.

I just completed report cards. They will be mailed to you sometime next week. Please keep an eye out for them. If you have any joys or concerns please contact me so that I may hear about them. I want you all to have a clear understanding of the report card. Because of the computer hacker we were unable to use the online grade book during the first trimester. My gradebook allows you to see your child's grade on each assignment, and if the assignment has been submitted to me. That online gradebook is now up and running. I am beginning to enter the second trimester assignments into the gradebook. Each of you has your own login and password to see your child's grades. If you need your login and password you may call the Cherry Valley office (815.332.4938) and acquire that information. I am also working on my website. It is partially up right now. It has past parent letters and links to book report forms. I hope to have it completed after Christmas.

Integrated Literacy is a subject that you will see on the report card. English/Language Arts/Reading, Science, Social Science, and Health are important and are taught each day. To support our students in learning all relevant and mandated standards, the standards were combined to create *Essential Learning Outcomes*. Integrated curriculum reflects the way the real world operates. It promotes and supports critical thinking in all areas of learning.

It was amazing to me how many procedures and expectations the children forgot over our five days away from school. It frankly scares me to think of the winter break. ☺ They appear to believe that, we had an extended few days away from school so all expectations are null and void...and we can have a 'free for all'. I have been dispensing reminders all week long regarding acceptable classroom behavior.

We have a new specials schedule; Monday PE, Tuesday PE, Wednesday art, Thursday music, and Friday art. Library remains on Wednesday.

On December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> the class will be able to go to the Penguin Patch Holiday Shop. Students will have the chance to select gifts for their loved ones. Additionally, the student council is holding a candy cane sale Dec. 4-Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> ...more information on both of these events was sent home in fliers this week.

Cherry Valley is taking part in the Salvation Army Canned Food Drive. The school has a goal of bringing in 5,000 cans. Please send cans or other non-perishable items to school with your child. Our class has only brought in a total of 22 cans (last place among the third grades). Any items you can spare would be greatly appreciated!

Have a great weekend!

Thank You, Betsy Burgoyne