

October 29, 2019

Dear Room 9 Families,

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with our trip to The Pumpkin Farm! Even with the rain the kids had a terrific time! They went through a small hay maze, down some big slides, petted some very docile sheep and goats, competed in rubber duck races and rode a wagon pulled by a tractor to pick a pumpkin. Thank you to all you parents for doing your part and packing those delicious lunches.

School business:

1. Please remember to always call or email the office (mary.lauch@shorelineschools.org) if your child is sick. If you child has a change of how they go home, please email me or send a note or call the office if it is last minute. First graders get their messages mixed-up so I want to make sure your child gets to where they need to go.
2. Today I will be sending home a hard copy of your child's conference time. Please let me know if anything comes up.
3. We learned about our Sister School in Uganda, Africa last week. We will be collecting items for them during the next 2 weeks. A note explaining more about this program is coming home today. We will be collecting items for them until 11/13/19. Please note that new and used items are welcome.
4. Our Halloween party is this Thursday, October 31st at the end of the day. If you volunteered to send something in for our party you may send it in any day this week. The costume

guidelines went home last week. Please feel free to email me about any questions you may have regarding this event.

Reading: Our HFW for this week are: **make, fun, they, and too.** We are working with the "short o" sound. Our comprehension strategy is "ask and answer questions" and our Essential Question is "What do friends do together?"

Math: We are working in Unit 2 in Bridges. We had been working with Dominoes but are now working with flip cards to help us learn about fact families.

Health: In Health last week we talked about fire safety. We piggy-backed that with our Scholastic News on fire safety. We learned about stop, drop and roll if your clothes ever caught on fire. If there is smoke you should crawl to the exit because smoke rises and you don't want to walk in the smoke. Lastly, families should have a meeting place outside your home in case you get separated in a fire.

Science: We are continuing our study of Solids and Liquids. Next week we are hopefully going to do science everyday!

Important Information

1. **Communication** - Please note that my email address is - cindy.mccormick@shorelineschools.org

The easiest way to contact me is through email. You may also call the school at 206-393-4338. In addition, I have a webpage that can be accessed from the Echo Lake website that has classroom information.

Important Dates:

Early Release Wednesdays: 10/30, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 **Release time is 1:50.**

October 31st - Halloween party: 2:30-3:30. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the party, there will be an alternate activity to choose.

November 3rd - Daylight Savings Time. -Turn your clock back 1 hour.

Elementary Conference Week: 11/4-11/8 everyday is released at **11:45.**

November 11 - No School - Veteran's Day

November 13 - No Early Release
- ELL/Title Reading Parent Night

November 15 - Picture retakes

Thank you to the families that have brought in snacks to share with the class. Good snacks ideas are most crackers, cheerios, cheese sticks and fresh fruit. Please do not send in products that contain peanuts or other nuts. We try and keep our classroom as nut-free as we can.

Thank you for working with me this year in teaching your children.

Sincerely,

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