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# Mulberry School News

## School Wide Celebrations

At Mulberry School we celebrate the November and December Holidays by participating in 2 fun filled school wide celebrations.

- **Friendship Feast** - On Wed. Nov 25th, we will celebrate friendship by eating with our friends in the Mulberry School Commons. The students will cooperate in making a delicious feast of foods which they all will enjoy together. If you would like to help us set up, serve, and clean up, please sign-up on the parent board. Parents are welcome to watch us sing a few songs at 11:45 and the students will eat at 12pm. School will be dismissed early at 1pm. You are welcome to go home with your child as soon as he/she is finished eating. 3K students will be joining us for an extended day and will be dismissed to parents when they are finished eating.
- **Cultural Diversity Celebration** - On Friday, Dec 18th, we will celebrate cultures around the world. We ask parents to help us by planning activities that teach children about other countries and how other cultures celebrate the December holidays. In the past we have had children "visit" England, United States, Germany, China, and we have learned about Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Be looking for more details on how to volunteer.

## What's Happening at Mulberry?

- **Fieldtrips**— Last month Multiage went on fieldtrips to support their space unit and the 3K, PreKs, and Kindergarten went to Rader's Pumpkin Patch. This month, Kind and Multiage went to a theater performance of "Mathemagic" and PreKs visited Schnucks, a grocery store.
- **Fire Drills**—In October, we practiced our fire drill for the Normal Fire Department. They said we did a great job! Our record is 1 min 50sec.
- **Art with Bonnie**—In October, they experimented with primary colors and made pumpkins, leaf designs, and aliens. They also created wild things with chalk and they added texture to make them look hairy and scary. The Multiage created symmetrical hairy, scary masks.
- **Drama with Devon**— Pre-K classes have been exploring folktales and acting them out. The Kindergarten and Multiage explored using their bodies and voices to become animals from the Jungle book.
- **Computers** — Pre-K students are using the programs Clifford Reading, Jump Start Spanish, Jump Start Math, and I Spy. If you are planning a trip in the solar system, contact the Multiage class. They have lovely travel brochures on all the planets. The Kindergarteners have been working on phonics and math programs and have designed pumpkins and typed sentences about their work.
- **Mulberry School Gala**— "It's a Fiesta" was a wonderful event. Thank you to everyone who was on the committee and donated.

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### Coming up in November/December!

- ☺ Friendship Feast is Wed. Nov 25th. Eat at 12pm and dismiss school early at 1pm.
- ☺ No School on Nov. 26 & 27 — Happy Thanksgiving!
- ☺ Bookfair—December 7-9th
- ☺ Cultural Diversity Celebration—Fri. Dec 18th
- ☺ Winter Break begins Dec. 19th and classes resume on January 5th

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### In the classrooms...

- 3K— will be talking about things they are thankful for, Thanksgiving, friendship and turkeys.
- Pre-K—will be learning about the letters N and T, nutrition, turkeys, and sharing. MaryJane's class will also be collecting food for local pantries. Kim's class will be studying nursery rhymes, and Laurie's class will be doing Native American writing.)
- Kindergarten— will make a newspaper that will feature writers workshop, mathemagic, and a Thanksgiving past and present section.
- Multiage— will be working on simple machines, fairy and folk tales, and a math unit involving planning and building a gingerbread village.

