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Wichita Friends School Newsletter

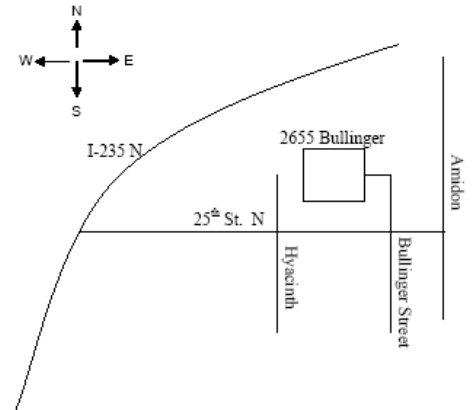
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Real Pilgrims!

Mrs. Van Fleet's class is investigating the first Thanksgiving. Each student is researching and documenting, in a variety of forms, a specific Pilgrim or Native American. The students are very excited to learn and share new details about the early Americans. One student discovered that a girl named Rose actually fell off the Mayflower. Many students have been delighted with the differences in names now compared to names then. How great to see them enjoying history!



Map to Northridge
(not to scale)



Upcoming Events

Nov. 20

- Thanksgiving Play & Dinner at Northridge Friends Church

November 24

- Children's Thanksgiving Feast

Nov. 25-27

- No School-Thanksgiving Holiday (no latchkey)

Dec. 18

- End of 2nd 9 weeks

Thanksgiving Dinner and Play

Friday, November 20th, 2009

at Northridge Friends Church
2655 Bullinger, Wichita, KS 67204

Please sign up to bring
1 Meat (Turkey or Ham)
-OR-
2 Generous Side Dishes and 1 Dessert
(Sign up sheets on Parent Info board in foyer)

INVITE grandparents, too, so that they can enjoy this wonderful evening of giving THANKS!!

Financial Aid Updates

Financial aid applications for the 2010-2011 academic year are now open. To apply, go online to: <http://sss.nais.org>. Click on the prompt to begin your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). **Our school code is 8201.** These forms are processed by SSS. All recommendations are kept strictly confidential. Please remember that financial aid awards are made on a "first come, first served" basis and that awards are only issued after a completed Enrollment Form has been received. Do not hesitate to contact Sabrina Duckett at 729-0303 or sduckett@wichitafriendsschool.org if you have any questions.

Thanksgiving Dinner Reminders:

- Location: Northridge Friends Church-NOT THE SCHOOL!! (See map above)
- Please bring generous portions of food so that we have enough for our guests.
- Costumes are to be brought Monday, Nov. 16 so that the children can practice in them.
- We still need a few volunteers to help make the dinner run smoothly. THANKS!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- 2 people from 6:30-7
- 2 people from 7-7:30
- 4 people from 7:30-8



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News from the Little Guys!

Mrs. McElroy's class

We have been doing a lot of art lately. We have made pumpkins out of cloth and toilet paper, paper chains to decorate our classroom, feathers for our turkey in the lobby, and menus to use when we play "restaurant." We have also been using different kinds of mediums for art, including pens, markers, crayons, glue, glitter, tape, staples, stickers, buttons, and play-doh.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To those parents and friends that donated books, furniture and resource material to WFS this year.



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To those that donated books to WFS during the Barnes & Noble book event.

Miss May's Class

We have been very busy these past few weeks talking about what happens when it is fall. We just completed our fall books which talk about autumn changes. The week before our field trip to the pumpkin patch we talked all about pumpkins complete with a fun experiment day. We learned in our experiments that pumpkins and gourds float. We cut into a pumpkin and saw the gooey orange stuff and seeds. The students wanted to know if a pumpkin seed would float and it does! (We also learned that paper clips sink.) We have been reading a book called Pumpkin Pumpkin, which is about a boy who plants a pumpkin seed. We got to see the different steps it takes to grow a pumpkin. All the students got to take home pumpkin seeds to save and plant like the boy in the book or to have a tasty snack using the recipe from the book. We all had a blast at the pumpkin patch too!!

Miss Atwater's Class

Our class has been learning a lot about books. Our favorite class activity is our guided reading time. During guided reading we choose a big book that we will read all week. We talk about the title and dedication pages, the author and illustrator, page numbers, blends (sh/wh/th/ch), punctuation, quotations, sequencing, plot, character and we even create our own endings to the books. We just discovered this week that one of our favorite books named *I'm a Little Teapot* author has also written other books that we LOVE! She has also written *The Itsy Bitsy Spider* and *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*. All these books have great CDs that go along with the stories and they have lots of different verses. If you come by our room, your will probably see several of the kids listening to the CDs and reading the books!



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