Dear Families, December 2, 2013

***SUPPLIES: White Board markers and pencils. Thank you to the Bixby family and Graham family for sending in supplies, we appreciate it.***

***Veteran’s Ceremony:*** Our school invites Veteran’s to come and be honored at our school. This is happening this Friday from 10:45-12. The children are asked to wear special colors in honor of this ceremony. 1st graders wear Red and 2nd graders wear White. Your child may also bring a blanket to sit on while this event happens.

November Book-it was Due Last week!

***TAX CREDIT Donation: I know we just had our school fundraiser but please consider contributing to the Renaissance Technology fund. It is a dollar for dollar return in your taxes. Even if you don’t owe it will come right back to you in a check. This money goes directly to Renaissance technology, ONLY. If you donate make sure you put for Renaissance Technology.***

**HIGHLAND LAKES SCIENCE FAIR 2013 – Assignments are due December 16th. No late entries will be excepted. Please do not ask for extensions or to turn in on a different day, it will not be granted.**

**Handwriting:** Please have your child complete their homework legibly. Assignments that are not legible will be graded down.

**Wordly Wise and Spelling**….. **Wordly Wise lesson 12 in books 2 and 3 and NO spelling this week so we may finish up our pilgrim simulation.**

**Math:** We started a measuring tic-tac-toe board to go along with our measurement unit. We will work with money more this quarter, measurement (to the nearest ½ inch and ¼ inch) and making change. We will work with thermometers this week. We are working on telling time to the minute and five minute as well as elapsed time. If you have an analog clock at home make your child tell you the time on that clock not the digital clocks as it supports this standard. Ask questions similar to these….. What time will it be in 20 minutes? What time was it an hour and half ago? What time will it be in 10 minutes? Use words like a quarter of an hour and ten to and five to six and five after 7. Kids struggle with these terms. Just some tips to use at home.

**Math Homework and Ten Marks**…. NO TEN MARKS THIS WEEK. Please complete the UPSC math questions that are attached. Do the 4 methods that are practiced in class they will know what to do. Please make sure they solve it two ways and check it two ways. Remember neat handwriting is expected I should clearly see an answer and technique used to solve and check.

**Canned Food drive….. Thank you everyone that has sent in cans. WE have a total of 11 cans.**

Student Council is sponsoring our annual food drive to benefit St. Mary's food bank. Once again there is a tremendous need, especially at this time of year. We hope that you will support this effort and encourage your kiddos to bring in a few cans of food. The K-3, 4-6 and 7-8 grade classes that bring in the most food, with at least an average of 5 pounds per student, will be happily given a pizza party. We will be running the food drive from Wed. 11/20-Fri. 12/6. Student council members will be around on 11/25, 12/3 and 12/6 for pick up and weigh in. Please help us with this worthwhile cause and feed as many people as we can this holiday season.

December 17th Field Trip – We will be going on a field trip to the Arizona Broadway and watching The Elves and The Shoemakers. We will leave school at 9:10 the play starts at 10 and lasts till 11. We will then head back to the park by the school to have lunch and play for a while. The cost will be $11.00 per child for the play and to pay for the bus. I will be sending home a permission slip possibly this week but for sure next week. Possible chaperones…..You will not be able to bring other children (siblings) or to ride the bus with us if you wish to attend. You will have to pay the $11.00 along with your child ($22 total). Reminder, if I have more than 10 parents volunteer to attend I will blindly pick out of a hat and that is how parents will be chosen to chaperone. Papers will come home this week if you wish to attend our field trip. I appreciate the help for

IMPORTANT NOTE: **Going on a field trip is privilege not a right. If your child can not behave at school and act accordingly they will not be able to attend the trip and the money will not be returned as we have to prepay and will not be refunded. Remind your child if they can’t act correctly in class and out of class (specials, recess and cafeteria) then they will not be able to join us on our field trip. Thank you for your support.**

Upcoming events –

* **Dec. 6th Half Day 12:05 dismissal** & Veteran’s Ceremony
* **Dec. 16th Science Fair Projects due. (NO LATE ENTRIES)**
* **December 17th at 9:10 Field trip - More information to follow...**
* **Dec. 20th Half Day 12:05 dismissal**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| 2  Homework  Wordly Wise  Reading 20/20  Math UPSC | 3  Homework  Wordly Wise  Reading 20/20  Math UPSC | 4  Homework  Wordly Wise  Reading 20/20  Math UPSC | 5  Homework  Wordly Wise  Reading 20/20  Math UPSC | 6  ½ Day Early Dismissal  Homework Due  Math and Wordly Wise |

Thank you, Mrs. Hoffman Diaz http://mrshoffmandiaz.weebly.com/