Dear Families, November 18, 2013

***SUPPLIES: White Board markers and pencils.***

***NOTES……………………….***

***Thanks for your support of our school fundraiser. Our class was second in the entire school for most funds per lap. Great job and thanks for participating you guys are amazing.***

***TAX CREDIT Donation: This information came home last Thursday. I know we just had our fundraiser but please consider contributing to this 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**….. Continue review of Wordly Wise. We will be taking Wordly Wise review tests for 1-11 over the next two weeks. Complete the assignments that were not assigned in Wordly Wise. For example, if you are in Book 2 complete the end review activities. Book 3, D has never been assigned. Don’t forget to make corrections where mistakes were made. Again, use this time to review the words.

**Comprehension passage:** This week we will complete a nonfiction passage for homework, just complete it by Friday, like usual. Complete the Write about it …Assignment for 25 extra credit points in ELA (English Language Arts and Social Studies.) Continue to read for 20/20 but just write it in on the Book-it form for November.

**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 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 them 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.

**Ten Marks**…. **5 to 10 minutes a night try to complete a majority of the assignments.**

**Reading** - We are in Chapter 3 of Shiloh this week. We will continue to focus our instruction on comparing and contrasting within a story and well as analyzing our character traits. We will be reading a Junior Great Books for the next two weeks called “The Fox and the Stork” an Aesop Fable. Our poem for the next two weeks is “Fire In the Window” by Mary Mapes Dodge.

**Boosterthon -**

Thank you for supporting this year’s Boosterthon Fun Run! The program was a huge success, but I still need your help. As a team we finished at $ 71.76 per lap!! If we can collect 100% by next Friday, November 22nd, 50% of what our grade turns in comes directly back to Highland lakes classrooms to share.

Please help your student get in touch with their sponsors. Sponsors can pay three ways—Cash, Check or Credit Card online.

If an e-mail address was entered with the original pledge on www.funrun.com, your sponsor will receive a pledge link to pay directly by credit card if they so choose or they can enter their e-mail at [www.funrun.com/payment](http://www.funrun.com/payment). If not, they can mail cash or check to you and you can send it all in at once with your child’s collection envelope. That envelope went home today with a reminder letter highlighting what’s outstanding. You can also log on to www.funrun.com for all the information you may need.

Thanks again for your help and support of our class! Let’s work together to finish strong and reach our goal!

**Science:**  We started our Budding Botanist William and Mary Unit last week. We will begin our scientific process within the class. We planted lettuce, onions, pumpkins and flowers on Friday. We started our Science logbook for Day one on Friday and we will continue to add entries for the entire unit. (Ask your child if they borrowed a log book from me? If so, could you please supply me in return with a new one. I would appreciate it, thanks.)

**Important Dates:** Field Trip on December 17th at 10:00a.m. A holiday play for Young Audiences of *The Elves and the Shoemaker.* (I know many of you may want to attend we can only have 10 parents join us and no siblings may attend.) More information will come home soon. Please don’t contact me about joining I will send the information home when I have it. If more than 10 parents volunteer I will put names in a hat and draw 10 out.

**Looking Ahead**

* Nov. 4th permission slips to participate in Talent Show, if you wish (not mandatory). Talent show has moved to February 28th, 2014. Information came home last week about the date being moved.
* **Nov. 21 Thanksgiving lunch at school**
* **Nov. 25 Fireman Matt visits class**
* **Nov. 26** 7:00 PM [Governing Board Meeting](http://www.dvusd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=36&PageType=17&DomainID=21&ModuleInstanceID=21&EventDateID=4964)
* **Dec. 6th 1-2 Grade Holiday performance at 5???????? (Not set in stone yet.) I will know more Thursday the 21st of November.**
* **December 17th at 10:00 Field** **trip** - More information to follow...

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| 18  Homework  Spelling  Math  Comprehension  Reading 20/20  Wordly Wise make- up week! | 19  Homework  Spelling  Math  Comprehension  Reading 20/20  Wordly Wise make- up week! | 20  Homework  Spelling  Math  Comprehension  Reading 20/20  Wordly Wise make- up week! | 21  Homework  Spelling  Math  Comprehension  Reading 20/20  Wordly Wise make- up week! | 22  Homework Due  Comprehension  Wordly Wise Make up week. |

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