

Kristin's Class Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Wasn't it a beautiful weekend? It looks like nicer weather is here for a while. Recess will be muddy though- keep sending boots AND shoes for a while. If your child is really balking at boots, an extra pair of shoes and socks would be helpful. Our recess areas are really juicy.

South America

We enjoyed reading folktales from Brazil and Peru and have started a mural about a favorite, *Love and Roast Chicken*. We're thinking about making it into a play, too.

Africa

This week we'll also look at art from the African continent. We've got trickster tales, bully tales, beautiful fabrics and other art to explore.

Uli

Uli has been teaching lessons about foods from many cultures and would like to have students share special foods on Wednesday. Look for a note from Uli

Scholastic Books...

Have been delivered and should be coming home very soon! Watch for a new book order form soon. Thanks, Kristi!

Influenza B

We've had a case of Influenza B in class. If your child gets a sudden fever, headache, lethargy, etc. get in to the doctor. Early intervention can shorten the duration of the flu!

Place Value Party

Friday we made three games that will help us practice writing, reading and understanding bigger numbers. We're going to do it again! The kids had fun and will be using the games in school for a couple weeks before taking them home.

Thanks Vic and AJ!

We decided to change our room around last week to make our computers more accessible to students. We are getting a computer version of *Read Naturally*, a highly respected reading fluency program. Thanks to Vic Nelson and AJ Sonquist, who did lots of heavy lifting on Friday morning.

We Need

Two liter pop bottles (empty) and empty paper towel rolls.

Ramona, Anyone?

Our date is May 2, at 11:00. The price is \$19.00. We have a block of tickets reserved. Watch for a flyer coming soon.

Thanks! Kristin