

Dear Parents,

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This is a big weekend for Michigan sports! Use this time to do some real life math: keeping score, finding the difference between the teams' scores, adding total yardage, ratio of completed passes to attempted passes, etc. All of that is VALUABLE and FUN work!

Homework: Math Game "**Close to 20.**" This involves addition and subtraction. Good job playing those math games! Keep up the habit-the goal is to have fun while learning the math facts BY HEART.

BOOK ORDER: Many of you are so tech savvy and want to order books online. If you would like to order through our class, **our CLASS CODE is FHRH2.**

READING and WRITING: We have been working on writing good leads to "suck our readers into our stories." We have been looking at LOTS of books to find different types of leads and how other authors use them.

Our READING CAFÉ strategies that we're focusing on are: **Tune in to Juicy Words** (building vocabulary) **Ask Questions CONSTANTLY** (really "get into" the book and be involved!) and reading **Good Fit Books**. Attached you will find letters written just for parents so you can understand and use these strategies at home with your child(ren).

Book and Note: Everyone will be expected to read for at least 15 minutes every night with an adult (or older sibling). **Please sign the blue reading note** and help your child remember to return it to school **EVERY** day.

Here are some quick reminders about our schedule:

Specials Schedule:

Physical Education on Tuesdays

Music on Wednesdays

Art on Thursdays

Monday and Friday are rotating days. Please send "run around" shoes every day...just in case.

Library on Monday-please help your child remember to return that book!

Thank you for participating in your child's learning! We love having parents in to help and work with us, and appreciate the work you do at home, too!

Sincerely,

Miss McFadden

Halloween Party Information

Our Halloween party is scheduled to begin at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, October 31. We are supposed to wrap it up by 2:15 p.m. so that parents can get over to Woodview's parties, which begin at 2:30 p.m.

Thanks to Mrs. Luscombe (aka "Gavin's mom") and Mrs. Linebaugh (aka "Josh's mom") for planning the menu for our Halloween party. Mrs. Scheid (aka "Stephen's mom") brought in some games and crafts, so we are set for a good time! The mom team divided the class in half, so only 13 of the kids will bring items for this party, the other half will be assigned items for the Valentine party. (We'll all contribute for our fun Christmas celebration!)

Please see the list below to see if we are planning on you bringing something for the party. If you are unable to send/bring the item(s) PLEASE just let me know and we will take care of it!

Also, if you REALLY are excited to make/bring something that's not on the list, then GO AHEAD! Just let me know so we can make some adjustments to the menu if needed.

Josh: ranch pretzels, cups

Miguel: cheese cubes or slices

Gavin: Apple slices, caramel dip

Katie: 2 dozen doughnut holes

Zach: 1 gallon apple cider

Abrya: 2 dozen doughnut holes

Hannah: 1 gallon apple cider

Dylan: 2 boxes of crackers

Madi: cheese cubes or slices

Eliot: plates and napkins

Gracie: 2 dozen doughnut holes

Jordan: 2 dozen doughnut holes

Stephen: Game and Craft supplies