

# UFCA LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



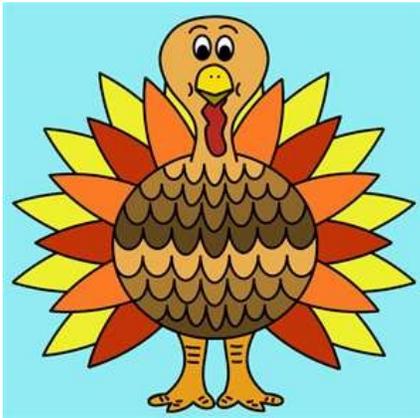
November 2017

## Message from the Lower School:

Please continue to send in items for our Operation Christmas Child collection. We will have our school packing party in December!

This month, our theme is forgiveness. We will study about the country Turkey.

-Mrs. Forness, LS Lead



## News from Art:

Fall in the Art room involves Autumn colors, nature, and printmaking! Remember that the Festival of Fine Arts is Thursday November 16th and Friday November 17th from 6pm - 9pm. Come out and enjoy Art, Music, and the amazing High School Play "Baker Street Irregulars". Admission is \$5 and there are concessions for purchase. Every Art student will have a piece in the show.

-Mrs. Hoag

## News from Kindergarten:

Kindergarten will learn all about the Pilgrims and Native Americans in November. We'll make teepees, hats, and totem poles, and we'll learn that Indian nations had different lifestyles, depending on their habitats. We'll learn how crowded and uncomfortable life was on the Mayflower, and what the first winter was like on land. We'll work hard to learn our parts in the Thanksgiving program!

Mrs. Rego

## News from 1st Grade:

First grade is ready for a nifty November! A hayride and visiting the animals are perfect fall activities, and that is why we begin the month with a field trip to Hunter Farm (rescheduled from last month). Our language arts lessons will center around something else special about fall... Thanksgiving! We will read and write stories about gratitude. In math, we will build on the skills we've learned so far, specifically fractions and counting money – pennies, dimes and nickels. We will even start ordering and adding two-digit numbers. Our new science chapter is all about the seasons, and our social studies unit will focus on – you guessed it! – the first Thanksgiving. We will learn what life was like for both pilgrims and Native Americans all those years ago. Finally, in bible we will be learning about Old Testament figures of Hannah, Samuel and David. It's great to be in first grade! - Mrs. Downing

## News from 2nd Grade:

We are going to the pumpkin farm to start off the month! We are working hard to complete our class book by Nov. 7. Our current read aloud book is "Second Grade Rules" (Ready Freddy). In Bible we will learn why Moses is afraid and how God is with him through it all. Of course, we will talk about the many reasons we are thankful! In math, we will be learning about expanded form, line segments, different kinds of triangles, perimeter, and capacity. For social studies, we continue to learn where the states are and how to spell them. We will learn about the Pilgrims and Native Americans and listen to a read aloud from Magic Tree House on this topic. Facts will be memorized about Thanksgiving to prepare for our program. In Science, we will finish learning about our body and discuss layers of the earth to further our knowledge of geography. -Mrs. Adams

### News from 3rd Grade:

November is a busy month for third grade, and we have so much to be thankful for! We are preparing for our class spelling bee, which is scheduled for November 15 at 9:05. All parents are welcome to come watch the bee! In social studies, we will be learning about Ben Franklin, George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson. We will also continue learning our states and capitals. In science, we will be wrapping up our chapter on plant life by planting pumpkin seeds and watching them grow. Then, we will begin a chapter on Ecosystems. In reading, we are beginning a new novel study on "Peanut Butter Friends in a Chop Suey World" by Deb Brammer. The Operation Christmas Child collection competition between buddy classes is a close one! Please continue to send in stuffed animals for our school-wide shoebox packing party in December. Lastly, we are excited to be preparing for our performance at the Operation Christmas Child Media Day, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28. More details regarding this special day will be coming soon!

- Mrs. Roman

### News from 4th Grade:

Fourth Grade is excited about all the fun things November has in store for us! We started a new novel, There's a Tarantula In My Purse which is a memoir by Jean Craighead George. This novel is filled with humor and information about this author's fascinating life. We will be writing memoirs of our own that will, hopefully, not include tarantulas! In science we are learning about insects. We will be taking a closer look at those insects we see every day (not tarantulas). We are continuing our study of our wonderful state of North Carolina in Social Studies. In math we are multiplying decimals. We are thankful for our UFCA family, an incredibly caring family to be part of.

-Mrs. Dickey

### Upcoming Events:

November 2: Hunter Farm Field Trip K-2  
November 15-16: 2-5 grade class Spelling Bee  
November 16-17: Festival of Fine Arts 6-9 PM  
November 21: K-2 Thanksgiving Program  
November 22-24: No School- Thanksgiving



### News from 5th Grade:

We are finishing our class book this month and sending it off for publishing. We are also working on our Postcard Exchange and will send over 50 postcards out across the United States. In math, we are working on multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. We will continue our mystery unit and finish reading The Westing Game—we are putting the clues together to discover who are the true heirs of the Westing fortune! In Science, we will explore different types of energy. We are preparing for the classroom spelling bee and learning about verbs and predicate adjectives and predicate nouns. Each day we are taking a moment to reflect on what we are grateful for!

- Mrs. Forness

### News from Computer & Library:

We will spend this month in Computers working on our typing skills. We are using a cloud-based program so students can access their account at home. If this is an option, please encourage them to login and spend some time at home typing. Just remind them to sit up straight, use the correct typing fingers and to not look at the keyboard as they type. Also, accuracy is more important than speed. An email was sent to all parents with our UFCA typing site link and their student's login and password.

In Library, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will continue listening to and discussing different types of Folktale stories to include Fairy Tales, Fables, Tall Tales, Legends and Myths. Our stories and activities in Kindergarten are focused on the Fall and Thanksgiving season. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to select library books that are both challenging and represent a wide array of genres.

-Mrs. Eaton