

The Kinkaid School

FIRST GRADE NOTES

November 2019



Dear Parents,

With the Thanksgiving holidays upon us, I have been thinking a lot about all I have to be thankful for. My students rank very high on my list, and each of them touches my heart in infinite ways.

I am thankful for...

- Winn's cheerfulness
- Raasti's enthusiasm
- Alex Katz's thoughtfulness
- Isobel's responsibility
- Cole's joyfulness
- Harrison's friendliness
- Piper's determination
- Jack's honesty
- Kurt's curiosity
- Alex Sweetland's kindness
- Dean's persistence
- Molly's creativity
- Barrett's trustworthiness
- Daniela's respectfulness
- Sofia's helpfulness
- Berdon's kind manners
- Lily's gentle spirit
- Hayes' athleticism

I feel very fortunate to have each one of these precious children in my life. Thank you for entrusting them to me.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Jenny Lewis

Important Dates:

- Fri., Nov. 1:** Wear Kinkaid spirit attire; St. John's Game & Falcon Family Feast @ Rice Stadium; Pep-rally @ 8:45
- Nov. 1-6:** Halloween Candy Collection (see below for more info.)
- Fri., Nov. 8:** No school for students due to a Professional Development day for teachers
- Nov. 11 & 12:** Book Fair! (See schedule below)
- Mon., Nov. 11:** Book Fair Family Night from 6-8 (Dinner-Moderno, Dessert-Crave Cupcakes)
- Fri., Nov. 15:** Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 25-29:** Thanksgiving Holidays

What We're Learning About!

Reading:

- Recognizing important information & details
- Using nonfiction texts to research symbols of the United States and their meanings

Writing:

- Nonfiction writing
- Thanksgiving traditions
- Researching and recording new learning about U.S. symbols

Spelling:

- Nov. 4-7:** The (e) sound in initial or medial position = e (ex: bed)
- Nov. 11-14:** The (a) sound in the initial or medial position of a one syllable word= a-consonant-e (ex: cane)
- Nov. 18-22:** The (i) sound in initial or medial position of a one-syllable base word = i-consonant-e (ex: five)

Math:

- Measurement
- Skip counting to add & subtract (using number line grid, frames & arrows)
- Combinations of 10 & double facts
- Representing data with bar graph & tally marks

Parent Teacher Conferences

I look forward to meeting with you in two weeks to discuss your child's progress in first grade. See you on Friday, November 15th!

2019 Book Fair Schedule

All first grade classes will go to the Book Fair on Monday, November 11th.

- 8:15-9:00 Mrs. Lewis' Class
- 8:30-9:15 Mrs. Thompson's Class
- 11:00-11:45 Ms. Sidora's Class
- 12:45-1:30 Ms. Brown's Class



HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION

Kinkaid Lower School

Too much candy after trick-or-treating? Let's share that candy with soldiers overseas! After receiving the candy, Operation Lone Star will make and send individual packages to our troops.

For every pound we collect, Houston's Pediatric Dentist will donate \$1 to the Faris Foundation, whose goal is to improve the quality of life for children with cancer. Unopened candy may be placed in boxes in your classroom.

November 1-6