



Sapphire Newsletter

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Dear Sapphire Families:

Friendship Snack is tomorrow morning. Please make sure to send your child's chosen snack, ready to serve. We do have a TINY refrigerator for perishable items.

Thank you for turning in your permission slips and payments for our next field trip. Due to limited seating, we may not be able to accommodate all parents who expressed interest in going. Preference will go to parents who turned in their payments promptly.

Looking ahead: The Sapphire class will be teaming up with the Diamond class for our annual holiday performance. As we plan for specific parts, we will be looking for several parents to put together costumes. Your children will be choosing their parts, so we will be sending home specific information after the break.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Craft Faire is coming on Nov 30th!!! We need parents to take home supplies to make caramel or chocolate-covered apples and wrap them to be sold on the 30th. All proceeds will go directly to the Sapphire class fund!! Yolanda has graciously donated organic apples for these delicacies. She just needs YOUR help. If you can help, please sign up in the classroom. Apples will be dispersed on Mon, the 28th (after the break). Thank you!

Kudos:

Thank you, Yolanda for organizing crafts and goodies to sell at the Craft Faire. Please support her efforts by volunteering to make a batch of apples and take a shift selling items at the craft faire!! It can only be a success if we all come together and do our part. Parent hours, parent hours—here's another opportunity to volunteer and help your child's class.

We can be reached at jbullock@cacmp.org or (916) 714-9699 and leave a message.



Curriculum

With November come themes of harvest and friendship. Thus we have been discussing using kind words, including others, being patient, and making peaceful responsible choices both in and out of the classroom. In our peace curriculum, we discussed Black Elk's Vision of Peace and striving to make peaceful choices when we face challenges or problems in our daily lives. The peaceful path is symbolized by walking on the red road. This lesson along with the Circles of Awareness (spirit, mind, emotions, and body), provides students with a concrete way to become cognizant of themselves and the choices they make. This, of course, is a lifelong process!! The more we can support our youngsters to make peaceful choices, the more proficient they will become.

We have also been encouraging students who mix capital and lowercase letters in their name to focus on one uppercase and the rest lowercase to make a conscious transition to proper name writing. As we notice specific letters that need attention to proper formation, we will alert the student to practice that specific letter for their handwriting job.

Our afternoon cultural lessons will focus on the following:

Thurs: Music / Fruits & Vegetables

Fri: 11:45 dismissal

Mon: landforms – mountains, valleys, rivers

Tue: My Address

Wed: State Birds

Reminders

[Check the calendar](#)

[Me Museum continues](#)

Nov 18 10:00 am

Friendship Snack

Nov 18 11:45 am

Minimum Day / Staff Dev.

Nov 21 – 25

Thanksgiving Break

Nov 30 3:30-6:00

Watch Me Work Night
& Craft Faire

Dec 1 2:00 pm

7 Habits Training

Dec 9 evening

Holiday Performance Time TBD

Your Sapphire Team,
Ms. Joann & Ms. Terra