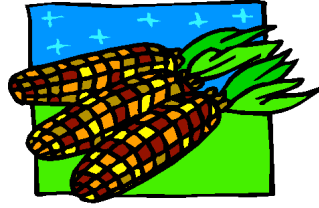


## Room 8 News

### November 14, 2008



#### Report Cards and Upcoming Conferences

Next Friday, Nov. 21 you will receive your child's report card. Please remember to review it with your child and prepare your questions for our conference. Please note that your conference date reminder will be in the envelope, also. I look forward to meeting with you during conference days to discuss your child's progress.

#### Social Studies

We have been reviewing the story of the First Thanksgiving and the voyage of the Mayflower. We have discussed how hard life must have been on the Mayflower journey and the first year in a new land. The students read and followed written directions to make a cute Pilgrim boy or girl to bring home. Today, we also had fun making a lively turkey to decorate your home! Next week, we will trace the journey from England to New Plymouth on a map.

To continue the theme of being **thankful**, the students will write about the many things they are thankful for and illustrate their writing. I will have it prepared in a book for you to see at your conference.

#### Science

We have completed our Life Science unit. Last week, the students learned about how plants and animals are dependent on each other. The students created a "food chain" paper plate to demonstrate their understanding of this concept.

This week, the students heard many books about leaves, especially fall leaves, and why they change color and fall off of trees. The students had fun today exploring their own leaf collections, using them

to make leaf prints and to explore the width, length and area of their favorite leaves. The students also created bright tissue leaf and fall leaf tree weave. Thanks so much to our wonderful moms: Laurel Chessin, Jenny Mascola, Lien Magee, Stacey Ryder and Catarina Sevely for all their help today!

## Math

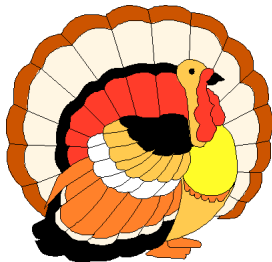
In math we have reviewed addition and have practice different strategies for subtraction. Many of the students have trouble **paying attention to the the operation sign** to complete either addition or subtraction. We have explored different vocabulary in word problems to find the operation, such as "how many in all?" or "how many are left?" New vocabulary has been introduced with subtraction: finding the difference, more than

Timed math tests have continued. I am very impressed at how well the students are doing in these tests. We will discuss these tests more at our conferences, if you have any questions.

## Speaking of thanks...

I will not be sending a newsletter next week, but do look for the report card in the Friday folder. Please enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday with your family. I am very thankful for **ALL** your support and help throughout the entire year!

*Shauna Fulcher*



Upcoming dates:

CTC Play-Nov. 26th  
Los Library Field Trip-Dec. 5th

Hot Cocoa sale-Dec. 5th (\$1.00)  
Gingerbread Week-Dec. 10-14  
lots of help needed!-TBA