

PEEK AT OUR WEEK

Miss McNerney's First Grade Newsletter, Issue 10

"As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

-John F. Kennedy

Upcoming Events

November 14th

Soup.Kitchen item due

November 25th-27th

No School: Parent/Teacher/
Student Conferences

November 28th-29th

No School: Happy
Thanksgiving!

December 13th

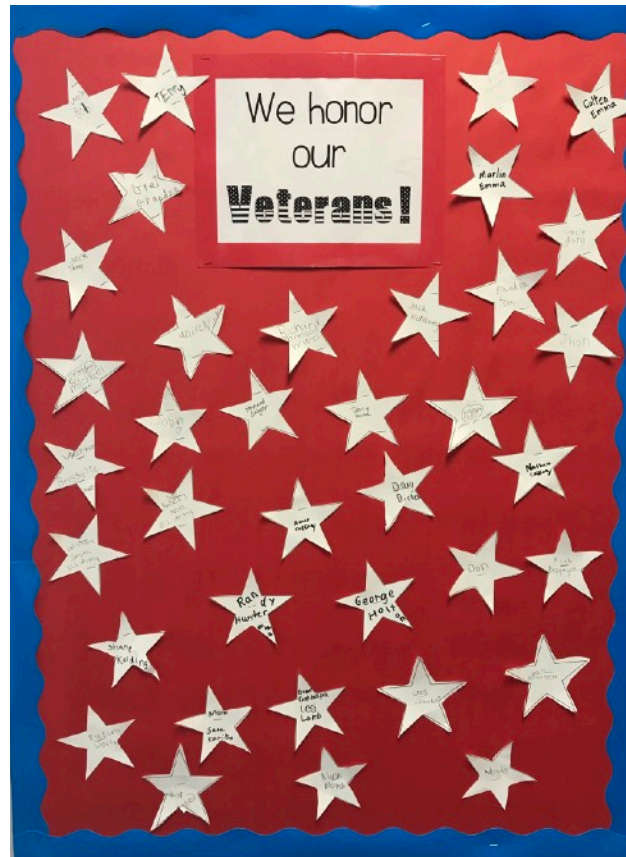
1st Trimester Report Cards
sent home

December 19th

Christmas Program at 6pm

Reminders

- * As a reminder, your child is required to come along for the conference (s/he will be leading the conference).
- * First graders will now be tested weekly on their spelling words! Please practice at home. We are reviewing simple, short vowel words first to build your child's confidence on his/her spelling tests.



Some curriculum
news for the
week:

Religion

We will be learning more about the Bible, as we read parables and other Bible stories to learn more about our faith. We will review the Old and New Testaments. We'll also talk about how God is like a Good Shepherd and think about what that means to us.

Language Arts

Our spelling words this week are on, got, fox, pop, not, & hop (we are focusing on short o words). Our challenge word is Jesus! We are also learning that English words do not usually end in u, v, or i (with some exceptions, including the word "you"), every syllable in a word must contain a vowel, and the vowels a,e,o,u usually say their name at the end of an open syllable (the e in "she" make a long e sound, the o in "go" makes a long o sound, etc.). As students are writing, I will now expect them to apply these spelling rules, as well as correctly spell the words they are tested on each Friday in any writing.

Social Studies

We began our study of Thanksgiving last week and will be spending the month learning about early Thanksgiving traditions, as well as reflecting on the blessings in each of our own lives. We are also working on a secret project that will be revealed to you at our parent/teacher/student conference!

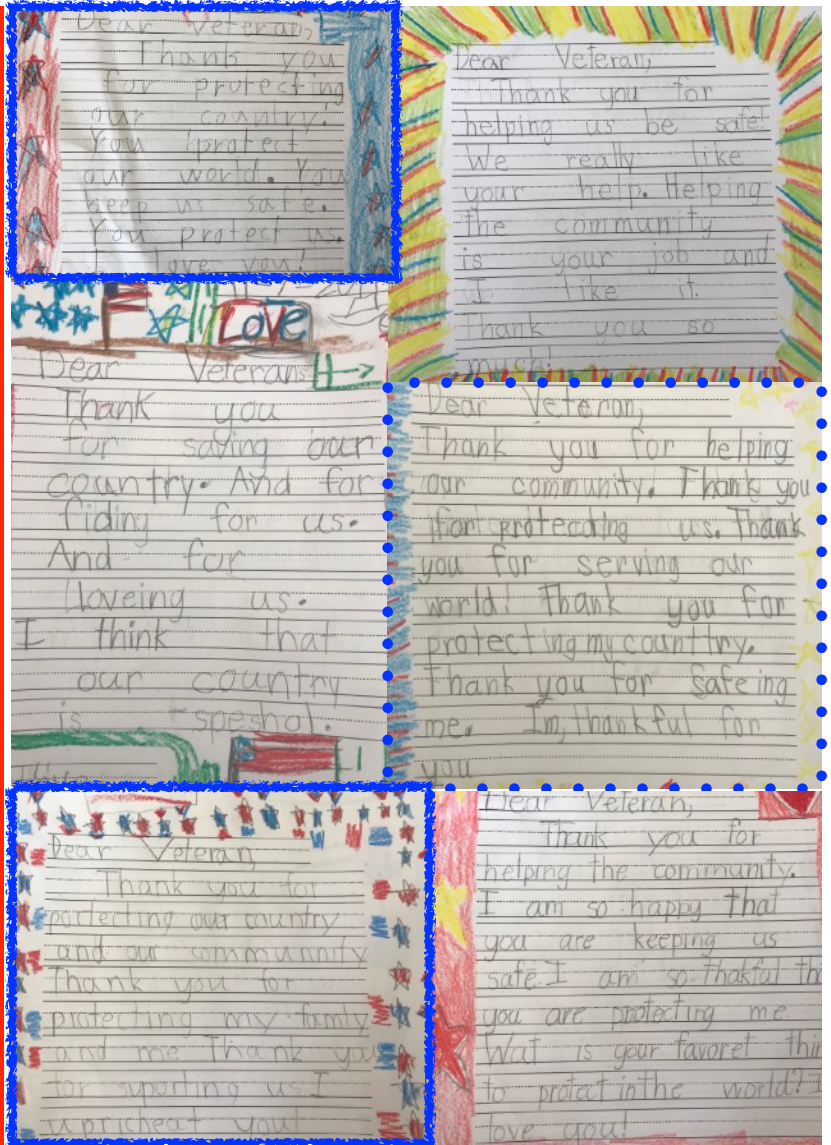
A PEEK INTO 1A

OUR STAR OF THE WEEK



RORY

Rory was our Star of the Week this past week! We learned that he loves lions, science, and dumplings. Rory's favorite color is blue, and his favorite holiday is Christmas. He wants to be a paleontologist when he grows up (his favorite dinosaur is a velociraptor). Rory is kind, funny, and a loving friend! We are so happy and blessed to have him as a part of our 1A family.



Above: Every 1st grader wrote a letter to a veteran expressing their gratitude for their service; I will be mailing them to Operation Gratitude.

Below: Students played Addition Bump and 4 in a Row in math groups this week (ask your student how to play!)

