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What's New

LANTERN WALK
is this Thursday
night, November 10th,
starting at 5:30pm

We are still looking for bakers, setters up, and breakers down. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. **SET UP & BREAK DOWN ARE FOR ADULTS ONLY.** When you arrive with your child you will understand. You will have received music by now. These are the songs to sing around the fire



VETERANS DAY
NO SCHOOL
ON FRI., NOVEMBER 11th

Hello Parents,

Welcome November!! Welcome beautiful golden days of autumn. We have been spending as much time outdoors as we can these days of blue sky and not-quite-chilly winds. I have to say, though, that the children are so busy indoors, that it is sometimes a bit of a trick to get cleaned up from our morning.

We have started going down to our own jungle, as Woody refers to our new play area. We simply walk down the hill to the wooded area below the chicken coop, and to the children we are in a different world. On our first visit down to this magic land, I asked Jane Ann where her mittens might be, she told me that she left them back at Cobb Meadow School. Today as we headed down Liam was calling out; we get to go camping in the woods again. He wonders if the debris but down there was already there when his big brothers played and worked at Cobb Meadow. Eli Pond had heard about the wonderful woods from his big brother and he has been waiting patiently for our first trip.

We are staying out for story as well, and it feels very right to me to be telling wonderful tales of autumn in the breeze and blowing leaves.

Thanks to all of you for layering your children when you send them to school. Some children are finding it easier to put on woolies or an under shirt after they arrive at school, and if that is a good way to start them off on a layering habit, we are happy to help.

Medical Forms

I did not realize how many I was lacking, excuse me. It is my responsibility to remind you. Please return them completed by a physician as soon as possible. If your child has had a physical in the last year, the doctor will fill the form out without another visit. I will leave a stack of addressed envelopes by the bulletin board to expedite matters. If you have not immunized your child, or if you have only used some of the available vaccines, I need for you to fill out an exemption form to be notarized and returned to me. Banks usually have a notary on hand.

Advent Garden

We will walk our advent garden on December 9 starting at 5:15pm, at All Saints Episcopal church on Concord Street in Peterborough. We are celebrating and honoring the light within each of us. In the cold and dim of our northern winter, it is all the more clear to us the warmth and light that the people in our lives bring us. We will need volunteers for this reverent and joyful evening.

Parent Teacher Conversations

Thank you again to Ivy for letting us gather in her home on that ever so rainy Tuesday. Thank you to everyone for coming to check in with me. I have a couple more people to check in with, and then we will meet again in the spring. Again, feel free to call me at home or at school if you need to talk.

Parent Evening November 15th, 7 pm

Please join us to talk about holiday traditions in general and advent in particular. Together we will gather materials for creating your own advent garden at home.

Soup Day

Last Friday our soup was exceptionally good. Ivy and I put it down to the leek that Jim Haddock gave us, and maybe we were right. However maybe it was not just the leek itself, maybe it was the gift. If you would like to send in a carrot or a potato, a bit of dried parsley or such, your gift would be treasured. The children take great joy in finding the potatoes or carrots that THEY chopped, and when they bring in contributions to the soup, they are doubly warmed. We have been using our own potatoes, planted weeded, water and dug right in our own garden. Now we will move on to other potatoes. Soup day is delicious.

Autumn Verse

The little winds whisper, they whisper as they pass,
they tell their tiny secrets to the flowers and the grass,
But the big winds go a buffeting and blustering about,
The little winds whisper but the big winds SHOUT.

You can always check: www.cobbmeadowschool.org for additional information and downloads.

Wish List

- ❖ *Sandpaper, any grade*
- ❖ *Almond Butter*
- ❖ *Organic Raw almonds*
- ❖ *Lovely Cream to churn into butter*
- ❖ *Hand me down rain gear to keep on hand.*
- ❖ *White drawing, 8¹/₂, x11 paper- (printer paper works)*

Birch Logs

We need birch saplings, that is. We need 4'-6' of white or black birch, 3"-4" diameter, needed soon!!

Thank You

Thanks to Jeff Spiegler for cutting birch logs for us, we will be making our advent candle holders in the next weeks. The children will sand and smooth the ends, and then we will punch out circles and drill holes!

CMS Eggs

Cobb Meadow School eggs can be bought for \$3.25 a dozen.