

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!**

October was such a fun month! Our classes are well established now and it is thrilling to see so much learning going on. Fall and Halloween are a fascinating time for the staff and children. Thank you for helping us make our field trips and parties so fun!

Sincerely, Mrs. Florkey and Mrs. Yarger

**THANKSGIVING FEASTS**

*Monday, November 21 for Kindergarten and MWF classes and Tuesday, November 22 for TR classes and Kershner and Kindergarten.*

Each year First School celebrates Thanksgiving with a feast that we share as an entire school. Each family brings a nut-free finger food to share and then we enjoy a short program put on by the individual classes. Please plan to attend your child's Feast or send a family member or friend. The children work hard on programs, gifts, and sometimes costumes. Parents are asked to come at specified times (you will be notified).. An invitation will be coming home soon.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

We are collecting Box Tops as an easy way to raise extra funds for programming at First School. Look for the Box Tops on many of the products you use every day. *You can also earn points by shopping through [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)* with stores like Land's End, Wal-Mart, Old Navy and Barnes and Noble. Please go to the site and register First School as a recipient of your eboxtops. Thank you! Parent Dawn Bisgaard is in charge of this program. She suggested an easy way to collect more boxtops is to put a contained in your office for those who do not have children in a school but would like to help collect boxtops. Thanks Dawn!



**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**On November 10 and 11 we will not hold regular classes.** Instead, we invite you to come in to meet individually with your child's teacher to discuss his or her progress at a time you have arranged.

*There will be babysitting for your children and their siblings. .*

**Speech Screenings**

First School offers an annual speech screening for our students. Parents who may be concerned that their child's speech is not on track can fill out the form that will come home in their child's school bag with a \$15.00 check made out to Kristen Rusk, the speech specialist who comes in to run these screenings. If you have any questions, please call Meredith Florkey at 433-3455 ext. 2.

**Dates to Remember:**

- Nov. 8 & 9 Picture Re-Take Days
- Nov. 10 & 11 Parent Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL
- November 15 Speech Screening forms due
- November 16th and 17th Optional Speech Screenings
- November 21st and 22nd Thanksgiving Feasts
- November 23--No School

**HELP WANTED!**

*Do you love working with kids? Are you looking for a few hours to get back into the work force? First School is looking for substitutes. Hours will vary and can be scheduled while your child is in class. If you are interested in getting to know the school even better and being part of a great team of teachers, please contact Meredith Florkey at 433-3455 ext. 2 or [mflorkey@att.net](mailto:mflorkey@att.net).*

**SPRIT WEAR**

Orders are due November 2 for the Hoodie Sweatshirts and Long Sleeved T-Shirts. Please contact Stacey Yarger at 433-3455 ext 1 if you have questions.

**GARDEN CORNER:** This month the garden is getting ready for its long winter's nap. The children have been planting spring flowering bulbs and garlic which we will harvest next year. We have also been planting some lettuce and carrot seeds that may be ready for a small salad on our Thanksgiving Feast table.

