

# CLEMENT TIMES

November 2009 Issue

Happy Autumn!

Fall is in the air and in our classrooms as well! As Thanksgiving approaches, I'd like to thank all of our dedicated teachers, our hard working staff, and you, our wonderful and caring families. Your children's smiles brighten our days, and your care and support make Clement such a great place for learning and fun.

From all of us, here at Clement, have a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs. Susan Gardner  
Mrs. Shahana Shah

## Important Dates:

- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day – Clement will be closed
- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>: Sing-a-long at 9:40 am
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Brown Day – wear something brown
- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holiday – Clement Closed

## Looking Ahead:

- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Grand Holiday Sing-a-Long/Programs  
(Holiday dismissal schedule)
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Holiday Break – classes do not meet
- Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – School resumes

## Staying Healthy

We are doing our part to help keep our students and staff healthy by taking the following precautions here at school:

1. Using a Janitorial Service to routinely clean our classrooms.
2. Sanitizing our toys
3. Teachers are enforcing hand washing before snacks and after recess.

If you believe your child is ill or may be coming down with something, please keep them at home.

## Tips from CDC (Center for Disease Control) for healthy habits:

1. Avoid close contact with others, especially people who are sick.  
When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them.
2. Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work or school and don't run errands when you are sick to help others from catching your illness.
3. Cover your mouth and your nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

4. **Clean your hands;** washing your hands often will protect you from germs.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Why? Germs often are spread when a person touches something that is contaminated and then touches his/her eyes, nose or mouth.
6. Practice other good healthy habits – get plenty of sleep; be physically active; manage your stress; drink plenty of fluids; eat nutritious food.  
If you become ill, see your doctor.

#### November Items of Study – PreK and Preschool

Fall & Life in Early America

Letters: Nn, Tt; Number: 4; Colors: Fall Colors; Shapes: Triangle, Cornucopia;

Preposition: In, Out; Math: 2 group classification

#### Holiday Celebration

We are honoring Native American Day on November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> by hosting a *Thanksgiving Shared Friendship Feast*. This event is a classroom activity for our students. The children prepare a dish or two to share with another class. Your child's teacher will be sending a note home with a request for a few items such as fruit, muffin mix or salad items to help with the feast. The children play a significant role in the planning and execution of this activity; so be prepared as they may want to play a bigger role in your holiday preparations at home! Regular dismissal times for this day.

#### Innisbrook Fundraiser

A Big Thank You to all our Clement Families; this fundraiser was a success and your participation was greatly appreciated! Congratulations to Mrs. Fong (son's Derek and Trevor are in Mrs. Deg's class) for winning the fabulous Innisbrook gift basket.

#### New January Class

Clement is offering a new class in January for children ages 2 ½ - 3 ½ years on Tuesday/Thursday mornings. This is a great opportunity for families who had hoped to have their children enrolled in the fall, but were not able to because of potty training readiness or other issues. If you or your neighbors are interested, please call the office and we'll put your name on the list.

#### Jrk News

October started with a fun visit from the **Bat Lady** who entertained the classes with interesting facts and songs about bats. Our field trip to the **Uesugi Pumpkin Patch** was a hit with students and parents too. We learned about the life of a pumpkin, took a ride on the train, and picked out a special pumpkin for our classroom and one to take home.

In November, we are planning their **Native American Day** shared feast. The teachers will send out notices to our families to let them know how to help. Also in November,

we will be making placemats for **Meals-on-Wheels** to be used for Thanksgiving. The Meals-on-Wheels representative visits our classroom and includes the children in a dramatization showing what happens after their placemats leave the school and are delivered with meals. It helps the children understand the joy of giving.

#### November Items of Study: Junior Kindergarten

- Themes- Fall Harvest, Native Americans and Pilgrims, “Let’s be Thankful” (nutrition and food)
- Letters: Li, Ii, Tt
- Colors: Fall season colors
- Phonics and reading-distinguish letters from words
- Math: counting to 30, 4+ group classification, comparisons and sorting

#### Lunch Bunch

November begins another fun month of Lunch Bunch. We are offering two weeks of classes in November (Wednesdays/Thursdays 11/4, 5, 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>) assuming we get enough students to form a class. In December, we will offer Holiday Helpers, an extended day program to help parents with their shopping. The dates in December will be Thursdays/Fridays – 12/3, 4, 10, & 11.

#### Carpool

Silver Creek Families – If you are living in or near the Silver Creek area and are interested in carpooling, please call the office.

#### Reminders

- For the safety of our children, please watch for pedestrian traffic and drive carefully in our parking lot. Be patient, safe and courteous.
- Adult volunteers only for classroom helpers – no siblings, please.
- Please go to our website and click on the link on the left side “Newsletters”, to sign up if you haven’t already done so. Subscribe to get the online newsletters and reminders.
- Please label your child’s sweaters/jackets. It makes it much easier to return your child’s clothing if it is misplaced.
- Please check your child’s backpack for important class news and wonderful handmade art projects.

**Have a safe and happy holiday!**