

October Parent Newsletter  
First Grade

Dear Parents,

We have adjusted to distance learning and are still learning new ways to make this work for us. Thanks for your patience and support during this process.

Among the many changes we are experiencing has to do with our celebrations. (I still owe last year's 1st graders an Ice Cream Party they earned last spring from the See's Candy Sale!) Our next Holiday is Halloween. Since we will not be able to enjoy our normal Historical Halloween, we would like to offer you an opportunity to have a virtual one. We know how busy you are with distance learning and the many other adjustments you are dealing with regarding our "new lifestyle" so we are making this opportunity **totally voluntary**. If you and your child would like to participate, you may select a real person (living or dead) whose life has been important in our history. I will soon email a list of books we have for 1st graders. We will distribute books at a drive-thru. You may borrow a book about the historic person and read it with your child at home. On Friday, October 30 your child can come to class dressed as the historical person you have learned about and tell us about him/her and why they are important to us.

We have been gradually building up our class activities including addition, journal writing, math facts memorization, handwriting and - as of next week - we will begin weekly spelling tests. When we have our virtual conference later on this month, we will discuss specific examples of the work your child has been doing.

With best regards,

Toni