

# Mrs. Sutherland's Spring News



If you haven't heard, we had a visit from a "Kindness Gnome" on Friday in our classroom. His name is Bixby Jones.

He left the class a teeny red envelope with a note enclosed. He let the class know he's been watching for acts of kindness



happening around our classroom, in the hallway, & on the playground. The kids are so excited to have finally seen him in person. We're hoping he leaves us more messages.

The focus for students' writing in our newest Module of Wit & Wisdom is narrative writing. Students consider the value of their own education as they read about Martin Luther King's pursuit of civil rights for Black Americans and about how Ruby Bridges and Sylvia Mendez sought to have the same rights to attend school as white children. Through a series of autobiographical writing tasks, students experiment with narrative writing that details their own thoughts, feelings, and actions in school and during times they have learned important lessons. Through this narrative writing, students deepen their appreciation for the value of education and deepen their understanding of why Martin Luther King, Ruby Bridges, and Sylvia Mendez fought so hard for equal access to public schools.

In math, we are working on triple digit addition & subtraction with & without regrouping & money problem solving. Next, we will be learning about data and graphing.

## Important Dates

\*April 16-30 – **Penny Wars** (Each classroom is assigned to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class to support. Our school community will bring in pennies & bills for their 5<sup>th</sup> grade class & silver coins for the other 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. \*All proceeds go toward 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp.)

Points: Pennies & bills = + points

Silver coins = - points (we can sabotage other classes' totals)

\*Wednesday, April 24 – **Permission Slips & \$5.00 due** for Garland Movie Field Trip

\*Friday, April 26 – **Garland Movie Field Trip**

\*Friday, May 3 from 12:00-12:20p.m. – **Family Lunch BBQ**

Menu: Cheeseburger/Hamburger, potato salad, chips, beans, apple slices, frozen fruit cup, & a sweet treat (Vegetarian option will be available).  
Adult Meals-\$5.00 (we only accept cash/check)  
Toddler/Child-\$3.05

\*\*Tickets are on sale in the office through May 2

\*\*Please have EXACT CHANGE for meals.

\*Friday, May 24 from 7:30-8:00a.m. – **Pastries with My People**



\*Monday, May 27 – **Memorial Day** (No School)

Wednesday, June 5 – **Culture & Community Night**

\*Thursday, June 13 – **Field Day** (in the morning) Make sure your child wear's sneakers/tennis shoes & sunscreen (if needed).

\*Thursday, June 14 – **Last Day of School** (Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.)

