November 4-8, 2012

This lovely Week

THANK YOU to all of the wonderful and generous parents who helped to make our **Harvest Festival** such a BIG SUCCESS! Your kind time, support and effort does not go unnoticed, and is extremely appreciated. They are very lucky kids to have such supportive parents.

Phys Ed:

Beginning in the month of November, our lovely little starfish will now begin **Gymnastics** (Days 2, 4 & 7) and **Ball Skills** (Days 1, 5 & 8). Swimming will continue to be on Days 3 & 6. Next week, Swimming will be on Sunday, November 4th.

Letters of the Week:

Thank you for sending in your child's surprises! They love this activity, which strongly supports their development of public speaking skills, self-confidence, sense of community, and sight/sound letter recognition.

Next week we are learning "Mm" and "Nn". Please have your child bring in one thing, (or a picture of a thing), that begins with these letters. Please also send 3 clues about this item for them to read aloud to the class.

PYP Unit:

Please send in a picture of your home. As we progress within our unit on 'homes' we would like for the students to share what their homes look like, so that we can discuss their similarities and differences to homes in other parts of the world. This week we will continue to discuss the EXTERIOR of houses from around the world, and why they are built with materials to suit their environment. We are also talking about the concept of a home inside a town/city, inside a country, and inside the world. Please discuss with your child where they have come from, where they have lived, and/or where they live now. Next week we will discuss the INTERIOR of various international homes, as well as the MEANING of making a house a home.

Please come visit us!!! This week we are continuing our IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) unit on "How Our Family Homes Relate to Our Life Experiences". The focus of our discussions and learning will be about the special things that *make a house a Home*. We would <u>LOVE</u> to have elders from our community (parents, grandparents) come in for 10-15min to share their wisdom. Please feel welcome! Click for <u>PYP Unit Information for Parents</u>.

Hats must be worn outside by students who want to play on the bicycles in the sun. This is school policy.

Please be sure to check this website each week for class updates and information for Parents. (Kinder4Starfish.weebly.com)