



*Artwork by Emersen*

**Primary 3**  
**November 30, 2011**

**Dear P3 Parents,**

We hope everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving break! We have so much to be thankful for!

Thank you for attending the annual Pow-Wow and Harvest Gathering! The children were proud to sing and sign for you. Thank you to the Friends of Country Day for the delicious meal and the many volunteers for helping with the event.

We enjoy celebrating Peace this time of year, so we will be exploring the idea of peace and how we can be peacemakers everyday. In this holiday time of year we will learn about holiday customs from around the world such as the Mexican Posada, St Lucia's Day, Eid, Duwali, the Christmas Story, Hanukah and Kwanzaa. We would like to thank to Mausumee Ahmed, Zayn's Mom, for sharing their traditions of the holiday of Eid. We learned about their customs and sampled some delicious treats, laddoo and jalebi. We welcome parents to come to the classroom to share your holiday and cultural traditions. Please contact Mrs. Metka if you are interested.

**Our Parent Education Series** continues tonight with Montessori Math (primary level). Please consider attending and learn about the wonderful Montessori manipulatives used everyday in the classroom to teach concrete math concepts. Hope to see you there. 7pm tonight in Primary 3.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual primary book drive, **"Book for a Friend!"** will be December 8<sup>th</sup>. We would like to embrace the gift of giving to someone in need by giving a book to a child in foster care. A book is a treasure, especially to a child who doesn't own one. The children will make bookmarks to go in the books in class. Please buy a book for a friend in need. (Please do not wrap the book but wrapping paper donations are welcome)

Our **winter party** will be at Boca Ciega Millennium Park on Friday, December 16. Thank you to room parents Jeff and Lisa Unger for their preparations. Please use the **online permission slip** to sign up for the **P3 Winter party**. Even if you are driving your own child, we are required to have a permission slip. Permission slips are on the parent homepage at [www.countrydaylargo.com](http://www.countrydaylargo.com) and email P3 room parents at [jlo333@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jlo333@tampabay.rr.com) to volunteer and contribute.

### **Children's Line:**

Thursday, December 1 – starts with **h** and/or **f**

Thursday, December 8 – “Book for a Friend”

Thursday, December 15 – 2 small things that rhyme with each other

Thursday, January 5 – a vertebrate; mammal, fish, bird, reptile or amphibian (small please)

*(Remember, the Children's line, otherwise known as show and tell time, is your child's opportunity to find their voice, and refine their ability to speak to a group. Please discuss with your child why they brought what they did, and what is special about it.)*

### **Thank You to:**

Our wonderful lunch Moms and Dads!

Banana contributors for food prep! It's a big help!

Lisa and Jeff for party planning!

Averi's family for the set of Miss Rhonda's Readers!

Everyone for the many healthy snack donations!

Rosie's family for the wonderful books to add to our class library!

Our reading volunteers!

Volunteers at the Harvest Gathering Feast! Thank you Renee!

We have so many helpful and generous families it's hard to keep track.....

....if anyone was inadvertently left out, please accept our apologies and let us know!

We appreciate every one of you!!!

### **Important Dates:**

Thursday, December 8 – “**Book for a Friend**”

Thursday, December 17 **Winter Party** at the Boca Ciega Millennium Park  
& **Half Day Dismissal**

December 19 through Friday, December 30 – **No School – Winter Break**

Monday, January 2– Classes Resume

**Sincerely,**

**Ruth Metka, Kellie Howard and Nancy Marcus**

***We must, therefore, quit our roles as jailers and instead take care to prepare an environment in which we do as little as possible to exhaust the child with our surveillance and instruction.***

***Maria Montessori***