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Veterans Day

Our Veterans Day assembly is always one of my favorite days within our school calendar. Although I know that coming together as a school community will not help our success on any standardized test, I believe our time spent learning the songs, listening to our veterans, and showing our appreciation are more important. Below are the words I shared with our faculty, staff, students, families and veterans. I hope we realize Veterans Day really should be every day and not just November 11th.

It is my pleasure to welcome our honored guests, our veterans, to our assembly today as well as our families and friends. I would also like to thank our superintendent, Stacy Buckley, for joining us today. We also need to take the time to thank our faculty and staff who served on our Veterans Day Committee for putting together today's event.

As I have watched TV over the past week, some companies are honoring veterans by asking us to shine a green lightbulb in our house, while others are providing discounts to local veterans if they purchase a car or dine in their establishments. Here at school, we are showing our appreciation by taking time out of our academic day to gather together, to sing, talk, and present a small token of thanks to our service men and women.

With our busy schedules, hectic calendars, daily responsibilities, and constant need to be connected to our technology, I feel it is important that we take this time as a school community to pause, slow down, and reflect on the sacrifices our military personnel and families have endured for our freedoms. They all spent time away from family and friends to keep us safe. These individuals missed holidays, birthdays, basketball games, and bedtime stories in order to serve and protect our country. When the orders arrived, these men and women did not hesitate to put themselves in harm's way to help, support, and preserve our liberties and freedoms. Some gave the ultimate sacrifice and did not return home, while many others have returned home.

Sometimes it is hard to recognize our veterans because they become camouflaged into our society. However, if we stop to look closer, we find these individuals all around us. They are our neighbors, relatives, members in our church, and the homeless. We, as an entire nation, need to be looking at these brave men and women as our heroes, and not Tom Brady, Kim Kardashian, or Taylor Swift. So, it is my hope that on Wednesday, our students and staff understand the true reason why we have the day off. If you are out shopping and you notice a person wearing a baseball hat representing his unit—thank the person for his service. If your neighbor served in the military, bake her cookies or rake her leaves. And if the veteran is a relative, reach out to him and show your appreciation.

No matter how many times our students read in history books or hear teachers talk about the different conflicts and wars, having the opportunity and ability for them to see, greet, touch and hear from you—our veterans—makes all the difference. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to join us and for your service.

Have a great weekend--

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Am', with a circular mark to its left.

Greetings from 4th Grade

It has been such a wonderful first trimester in fourth grade here at DES! As the air gets crisp and the final leaves fall, we welcome the changing of the season and look forward to another beautiful winter in this beautiful place we call home.

In Math, we have completed our Geometry and Whole Numbers unit. We just started Division and discovered that we love it as much as Multiplication! Our class is amazing at math and has enjoyed our math centers where we are able to use both manipulatives and the tablets/chromebooks to enrich our understanding. Some of the sites we use are abcya.com, coolmathgames.com and Utah Education Network (K-8 Student Manipulatives). We are also continuing our Multiplication Challenge and going one step further with it. After we have mastered 1-12, we will be practicing stating our facts with automaticity. This week we will all practice our 4's. Ask us about it!

In Science, we've finished our Human Body unit and have moved on to our Water unit. Water is pretty amazing and there are so many things we will discuss. We are learning about different creatures that live both in and outside of different types of water. Our next project in Science is to create diagrams for the Water Cycle, using Precipitation, Evaporation, Condensation, ground water, and cloud movement. We will also discuss what makes our pipes burst in homes, so feel free ask us for any advice as the winter approaches. :)

In our New Hampshire unit we recently created maps of Danbury, using 5 points of interest. They are hanging on our wall, come and see them! We reviewed different types of maps and enjoyed identifying different areas on them. Next, we will gain a stronger understanding of New Hampshire's location by exploring New England and understanding all of the New England states.

In Reading, we've continued using our Reading Street books and taking our weekly spelling test. Our comprehension skill this week is fact and opinion, and our comprehension review skill is main idea. As a class our spelling grades have increased every week! We know that if we study often this will continue. Please remind us to study every night and quiz us often. Allow us to impress you!

Our most recent writing project has been to create a newly discovered species. We our drafting our final projects this week and including a picture of the animal. We've had so much fun being creative and sharing our amazing ideas with our classmates. Our next writing project will be about Thanksgiving and who we will invite for dinner. Can you believe it's almost Thanksgiving?

A quick review of the rules in Fourth Grade. We have only 3.

Be Safe.

Be Responsible.

Be Respectful.



Newfound Nutrition

Lunch Menu Week of November 16-20

Monday

Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Veggies & Ranch Dip
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Tuesday

Breaded Chicken Tenders
Dipping Sauce
Spinach & Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Wednesday

American Chop Suey
Mixed Veggies
Garden Salad
WW Dinner Roll
Assorted Fruit

Thursday

Thanksgiving Dinner
Roasted Turkey
Mashed Potato & Gravy
Cornbread Stuffing
Peas & Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Friday

Pizza
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Breakfast \$1.25
(reduced \$0.30)
Lunch \$2.50
(reduced \$0.40)
Milk \$0.35

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Music Mondays with Mr. Brown

The students did a great job preparing their music for the Veterans Day assembly. The Veterans who attended the assembly appreciated the memorial and the hard work of the students.

In class, we have been doing a lot of work with the instruments and practicing how to read music. In first grade and kindergarten we recently learned about different instrument families. I am happy to see a lot of progress in all of the classes. Coming to DES is always a joy and I can feel the excitement the students have for music.

We are preparing for a concert that will be on January 11th. I'm excited to continue working with the students and sharing with you everything we have been working on!



Veterans Day

On Monday, our DES students gave honor to our Veterans in a special school assembly. We had 15 veterans from the community join us, each class sang and read poetry, Ms. Holloran spoke, Mrs. Robinson read, and together we celebrated with cupcakes courtesy of the PTO. We thank our military men and women for their service and for sharing their stories with the students. We even made the newspaper! Check out this week's Newfound Landing, page 3, available at the Danbury Country Store.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Veterans Day Celebration 1pm Student Led Conferences Field Trip Slips due No Project Promise	10 No School Student Led Conferences 	11 No School Veterans Day 	12	13	14
15	16 K-3 Field Trip Concord Performing Arts Center	17 PTO Meeting 4:30pm	18	19	20 5th Gr. Field Trip Lebanon Opera House	21
22	23 Ski Program papers due	24	25 Early Release @ Noon	26 No School	27 No School	28
29	30					