

Tzu Chi Elementary Newsletter

November 2018

A Note from Mrs. Grover

Dear Families,

Can you believe we will be ending our first trimester soon! November will be busy in the classrooms. Kids will be taking end of unit exams and benchmark assessments so teachers can prepare the first report card of the school year! Conferences will take place on Friday, December 7th. There will be no school that day for students. Closer to the time, teachers will send out time slots for you to sign up to come and talk with both your child's English and Chinese teachers and receive their trimester one report card!

Please make sure you are sending kids to school in layers. The mornings are cool but it heats up as the day goes on. It is easier if the kids have outer layers they can remove. Also, please make sure they are school colors – navy blue, black or white!

We are planning to walk in the Monrovia parade on Thursday, December 6th. More information will come soon! We will also be picking a date before the winter break for a family movie night on the yard! It will be a Friday and we will start at 6:00pm.

Please take a look at the important dates coming up. We are heading into the holidays and I know how busy many of us get around this time. Please remember to plan trips around our days off. It is very hard on the kids to miss a large amount of school.

Thanks!
Mrs. Grover

Jing Si Aphorism

"Thankfulness is the world's most beautiful language and the most genuine way for people to interact."
– Master Chen Yen



Important Dates

Please Save to your calendar:

November 12 – No School
in honor of Veteran's Day

November 14 – Open
House for K/1 6:00-7:00pm

November 21 –
Thanksgiving Celebration
10:30-11:30 – **NOON
DISMISSAL & NO AFTER
CARE!**

November 22 & 23 – NO
SCHOOL, Thanksgiving
Break

**DON'T FORGET TO
CHECK OUT
FACEBOOK FOR
MORE PHOTOS AND
SHARE THEM WITH
YOUR FRIENDS!**

Character Education

Thankfulness and Gratitude

Thoughts from Ms. Linda, Monrovia 4/5 Teacher

The simplest form of gratitude just takes one sincere and meaningful phrase, “Thank you”.

In the month of November we focus on the character trait, Thankfulness. The common definition of thankfulness means to be grateful for what we have. It could be gratitude for items we possess, the food on our table, clothes on our backs, a roof over our heads, having an education, good health, and people in our lives or even our wonderful Earth.

Here at Tzu Chi, it is eminent that we educate and remind our students the importance of showing gratitude at school, at home and in society through character education classes.



Every grade has the same objective, but all focus on giving gratitude to different people that contribute to our livelihood or to natural resources. Another way we express our gratitude is through song. Before eating lunch, students sing the “Gǎn Ēn Gē 感恩歌”. The lyrics of this song states that food is precious and that we must show gratitude to the people who grow our food and to Mother Nature for providing us food. By teaching character education, we educate students to be mindful and appreciative of what's around them; not taking *anything* for granted.

Pictured: Students at Amy's Farm!



The kids enjoyed trick or treating to each classroom on Halloween!