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News From Borlaug Fourth Grade

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Dear Family,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us during our Parent-Teacher Conferences. It is always such a valuable conversation to share all of the learning we are seeing, as well as, brainstorm the best ways to meet your child's specific needs. We appreciate your dedication and support with their education. Enjoy a few days with your kids over the Thanksgiving Break!



Curriculum Updates

Language Arts:

We just finished Unit 2 in Language Arts and are starting Unit 3: Natural Encounters. All of the stories deal with nature, and explore the Big Idea: "Nature can amaze us." Our first story is, *The Screech Owl Who Liked Television*, a story that explores the issue of keeping wild animals as pets. Students will be learning to write a persuasive piece during this unit.

Math:

We are wrapping up Topic 5, Using Strategies and Properties for Dividing by 1-Digit Numbers. Place value has been the key concept to not only learn a division algorithm, but to understand dividing larger numbers into equal groups. Ways you can help? Show your method for division, and keep finding way for your child to master all their multiplication and division facts.



Dates to Remember

November 27-29:	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
December 2-13:	Food Drive
December 12	Spirit Day: Dress as your favorite character
December 23- January 3	NO SCHOOL Winter Break

Science:

We have completed our "Soils, Rocks, and Landforms" unit. Our next unit is "Energy" a unit on physical science. Students will explore electricity and magnetism, energy transfer through waves, and useful applications of electromagnetism.

Social Studies:

The students' presentations of their culture posters were great! In class, we have started our "tour" of the regions in the United States. We are learning about the Northeast now, and will work our way to the Southeastern Region. As we tour each region, we're looking at geography, history, economy, government, and the people who shaped the culture of that region.

