



JEFFERSON NEWS

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Wednesday	Nov. 18 th	Eco-Bag Orders Due
Thursday	Nov. 19	10:45 AM & 1:15 PM Jim Gill Concerts
Monday-Friday	Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving Break

ECO-BAG ORDERS: Next Wednesday November 18th, is the deadline to turn in your Eco-bag order forms. Cash and checks (made payable to Jefferson Preschool PTA) are accepted. The prices are: Drug store bag \$6, Grocery & Dept. Store Bag \$8 and Box Bag \$10. Bags will be delivered to school 7-10 days after the order closes. Please contact Cathy Maurer for more information.

NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK: NEA's 88th annual American Education Week spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education. Jefferson Preschool's 3 and 4-year-old students are proud to present their artwork to celebrate American Education Week! We hope families will be able to take time and appreciate the masterpieces created by our little artists. Jefferson's display will be at Alpha Graphics on Main Street in Wheaton from November 17th to the 21st.



ATTENTION...CALLING ALL CRAFTY MOMS: The O.T. department is looking for some parent volunteers to make simple projects and materials. These projects involve coloring, cutting, copying and laminating (and are usually fun to make!). We are also looking for volunteers who sew! We need some help making weighted lap pads for some of our students. The sewing involved is fairly minimal (we will supply the material). We would greatly appreciate any help! Please contact Jen Preston (jepresto@cusd200.org) or Eileen Thorp (ethorp@cusd200.org) if you are interested.



HONORING ALL WHO SERVE-

The children at Jefferson Preschool have been busy learning about Veterans Day. Staff and students have filled the halls with pictures of family members who have or who are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. A special thank you goes to Diana Newberry for creating a soldier's memorabilia trunk. The trunk was filled with clothing and genuine artifacts for children to explore.

We also thank the many families and friends of Jefferson preschool who generously donated the top 10 needed items for our brave men and women of the military. Your contributions will be sent overseas with the help of Illinois Operation Support Our Troops. For more information about this organization and to view letters from our troops please visit their website at (www.osotil.org).

Jefferson Preschool celebrated Veterans Day with many Jefferson family members who are veterans or who are currently serving in the military. The children paraded to the ceremony waving their flags to patriotic music. A special thank you goes to the ROTC from Wheaton College who presented the flag for both the morning and afternoon programs. Blake Witter and Colette Tozier lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for the morning program and Alexis Tizzard and Jack Schwartzhoff were selected to lead the pledge for the afternoon session. The children gave handcrafted cards to the veterans in attendance and sang a special "thank you" song to them. The ceremony concluded with the entire audience singing the Star-Spangled Banner. Our honored guests were invited back to the classrooms to enjoy some refreshments with the students and staff.

This year Amy Norton and Olivia Tosto represented the children and families of Jefferson Preschool on WETN radio. I believe the community has a better awareness of how our youngest learners in District 200 have learned more about our veterans and reached out to the many brave men and women serving our country.

A heartfelt thanks goes to Diana Newberry, committee chair, Sara Kud, Amy Norton, Amy Kahle, Mary Davis, Bertie Lazzari, Lori Roberton, Stephanie Farrelly and Judy Wynn. The committee was instrumental in spearheading the planning and coordination of all activities leading to and including the Veteran's Day ceremony. Because of the outstanding activities planned, the children have a better understanding of Veteran's Day and honoring the many brave men and women who protect us and keep our country safe.

We also thank the Western DuPage Exchange Club for the generous donation of flags for each child in attendance at Jefferson. The flags were donated as part of the "Give the kids a flag to wave" program.

On behalf of the Jefferson staff, we thank all of the courageous men and women who make incredible sacrifices for our freedom everyday. We Honor, Remember and Thank You!

