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## November 2014

Dear Meadowbrook Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences and our Book Fair. If you were unable to come to your conference, it's not too late. Please contact your child's teacher directly to set up a time. Our goal is to meet with every student's family to ensure that you have an accurate picture of your child's progress so far this year.

Our Accelerated Reader reward was a huge hit with those who reached their quarterly reading goal. Thank you to Kirk and Myra Edelman for providing the hay rack rides. Our next reward will be popcorn and a movie! You can help your student reach their reading goal by providing 15 – 20 minutes of structured reading time each evening.

Enjoy this fall weather and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Trish Paulson

DATE	ACTIVITY
Nov 4	<b>Early Dismissal 2:06</b>
Nov 7	Vision & Hearing Screening
Nov 18	PTO Meeting 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Nov 21	Fall Harvest Meal (must have reservations)
Nov 21	Progress Reports
Nov 25	All School Field Trip to Chatsworth 12:40 – 2:10 Music Technology with Brett Daniels
Nov 26	<b>Early Dismissal @ 2:06</b>
Nov 27	No School – Thanksgiving Day
Nov 28	No School
Dec 2	<b>Early Dismissal 1:06</b>
Dec 19	<b>Early Dismissal 2:06</b>



The Box Top contest was a success! Meadowbrook earned \$457.10 to help with students activities. Ms Sikyta's class won the contest with 793 box tops.

### Red Ribbon Week Coloring Contest Winners

Kindergarten	Mariah Lanz, Jayla Hammond
First	Victoria Davis, Lydia Kilgus
Second	Cody Boner, Leah Stephens
Third	Calley Friedman, Kyle Leman
Fourth	Jack Sheridan, Caleb Decker

# Choosing Books at the Right Reading Level

## "Just-right books" make reading more fun and less frustrating.



Question: How can I help my daughter choose books that are at her reading level?

Answer: "Just-right books" make reading more fun and less frustrating. Have your child try the "five-finger test" to select a book.

1. Choose a book you would like to read.
2. Look at a page in the middle.
3. Put one finger down for every word you can't read or don't understand. If you have five fingers down, the book may be too hard.
4. If you have fewer than five fingers down, the book is "just right"! Read it.

Your child may want to read a book that is "too hard" based on this test. That's okay. Just make it a book that you read aloud to her, or that you read together (perhaps alternating pages or chapters; or she reads, but you sit alongside to answer questions or help her with challenging words).

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## Fall Harvest Meal

### Thursday, November 20

#### Menu:

Roast Turkey  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Sweet Potatoes  
Green Beans, Dinner Roll  
Warm Cinnamon Apples

Cost: \$4.25 adult, \$2.60 child Reservation forms will be sent home separately.

RSVP's are due by Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> by 3:30 pm.

Due to meal planning and preparation, no late reservations will be accepted.

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