

It is hard to believe that we are the cusp of our Thanksgiving break and the holiday season is descending. A school year goes by so quickly and as a school we are trying to focus on reflective practices to make sure we learn from our experiences and make sense of the journey. There are many things to be thankful for so far this year including a wonderful Veterans Day celebration, successful parent-teacher conferences, thoughtful project work, and quality student learning and progress. We hope the school year has been fulfilling and productive for your family up to this point.

After we return to school next week, we will be busy preparing for our first Exhibition Night of the year. Students are finishing up projects and preparing to share their work with a public audience including parents, community members, and other students. We hope to see you on **Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30 to 7:00pm** as we open our doors and invite all to come learn, ask questions, and delve deeper into our students' work. We liken our exhibition experience to that of a museum visit or other educational tour which means that we want the tone to be focused and connected. When students are finished presenting their own work, they are encouraged to connect with family members to explore other student projects. We ask for your support to make sure all students benefit from an engaged and respectful audience.

I hope that your family has a wonderful Thanksgiving break and that your child returns rested and ready for the important work ahead. As we move into the winter months, we will continue to build up our students through learning that focuses on the heart and the head. We will be asking for donations later in December (12/11 - 12/18) for our annual winter food drive in order to support many community members in need. December will zip by and before you know it, the school will be gathering for our holiday sing along and preparing for a long winter break. Let's hope for a snowy and safe winter season! Take care.

Respectfully,

Matt Housh & the Mills Lawn Staff



Third grade students recording their "Math Mash Up" songs in our new recording studio (maker space). Stay tuned for the debut of these awesome tunes on Exhibition Night!