Dear Families,

Our fifth grade students have returned from Nature’s Classroom - happy, smarter, and a little more independent! Congratulations to Scott M. Ellis students and staff for a wonderful 41st consecutive year of learning and growing at this unique program! We hope the children share with you the many experiences from this past week!

Fourth grade children in Mrs. Konas and Mrs. Mulholland’s classes learned how to participate in a scientific lab. The children worked in teams to dissect squids and recorded their notes in science journals. Our goal was for children to understand the squid’s “structures” and how they help the squid to survive, reproduce, and grow.

K-2 students were entertained by Mrs. Rauf, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Kibbrick and Mrs. Rufa as they learned about the “R” in Spartan STRONG. The teachers provided excellent examples of respectful behavior, and what that looks like when talking to friends or staff at school. We also thank Mrs. Rauf’s class for teaching us the hand motions to “This Land is Your Land!”

Gallons of love continues this week… and after Thanksgiving recess. All funds will be donated to classrooms/families in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. We will be updating students and families regarding our progress until the end of our collection on December 15th.

To celebrate our school spirit, we will all wear our NEW Spartan Strong shirts tomorrow, Wednesday (Nov. 22). Please join in the fun! Also, remember that there is no school on Thursday or Friday (Nov. 23 and 24), as many families celebrate Thanksgiving.

Caringly,
Peter Mahan