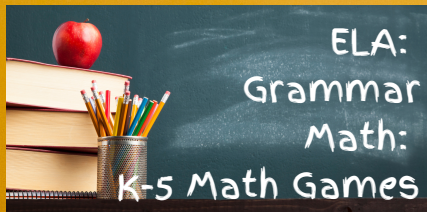


# Think News

November  
2021

This month's lessons:



## Birthdays

11/1 - Samantha Razo  
11/1 - Itzel Vicuna  
11/8 - Marilyn Castillo  
11/8 - Zelda Lerma  
11/10 - Faith Curiel  
11/11 - Ava Haddick  
11/20 - Steven Mullane  
11/23 - Marifer Ramirez-Mendoza



## Hello Thinkers!

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS HERE, WHICH MEANS COLDER WEATHER AND DIFFERENT FALL COLORED LEAVES!

Why do fall leaves change colors? You may ask. Well lucky for you, here are some fun facts:

- Leaves need sunlight, air, water, and chlorophyll to make food (sugar) for the tree.
- Chlorophyll is the green dominant pigment in leaves during the spring/summer. The green pigment hides the other colors in the leaf.
- Leaves get less light each day in the fall and stop making food to prepare for the winter.
- The chlorophyll (green color) fades and other colors (mainly red/yellow/orange/tan) in the leaves begin to show.
- The stems of the leaves will weaken (without food) and that is why the leaves fall from the trees.

## Upcoming Events

11/2 through 11/10 - Minimum Day  
11/11 & 11/12 - Veteran's Day & No School/Program  
11/19 - Friends-Giving Feast Event  
11/22-11/26 - Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

## Recipe of the Month - The Best Sweet Potato Casserole

### Ingredients

#### Filling:

- 1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted, plus more for buttering the baking dish
- 3 to 4 large sweet potatoes (about 1 3/4 pounds), peeled and cubed
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 large eggs

#### Topping:

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans

1. **For the sweet potatoes:** Add 1 3/4 pounds peeled and cubed sweet potatoes to a large pot of salted water. Bring to a boil over high heat, then lower the heat to a simmer and cook until the potatoes are very tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain and cool. Mash the sweet potatoes.
2. **For the filling:** Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a 2-quart baking dish.
3. Whisk together the butter, mashed sweet potatoes, milk, brown sugar, vanilla, salt and eggs in a large bowl. Transfer to the prepared baking dish.
4. **For the topping:** Combine the flour, brown sugar, butter and salt in a medium bowl until moist and the mixture clumps together. Stir in the pecans. Spread the mixture over the top of the sweet potatoes in an even layer. Bake until mostly set in the center and golden on top, 25 to 30 minutes. Serve hot.

# Parent's Corner

## Regular (R) Program Schedule:

M-F from 2:16 PM - 6:00 PM

## (R) Early Release times are:

3:30pm, 4:30pm & 5:20pm

## Minimum Day (MD) Program Schedule:

M-F from 1:06 PM - 6:00 PM

## (MD) Early Release times are:

2:30p, 3:30pm, 4:30pm & 5:20pm

## Program donations accepted:

- bottled water (8oz or 16oz)
- hand sanitizers
- disinfecting wipes
- colored pencils and markers
- raffle prizes (\$20 value or less)

## Follow us on the REMIND App:

- Option 1 - If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:  
<http://rmd.at/thinkdoll>
- If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @thinkdoll to the number 81010.

Don't forget to visit our **Think Together web page** on Dollahan's school website for any updates and more information about our program. Thank you for all your support!

## Special Note:

Our Halloween Spooktacular had a good outcome. We had 80 students in attendance! I would like to praise my junior leads: Nea R., Itzel V., Irel V., Phillip R., Johnathan R., Mia S. and Hillary G. for helping me set up the MPR with games and snacks, as well as attending to all their peers! Praises to ALL the parents that also donated A LOT of the snacks and drinks for ALL of our students!

## More Info on Upcoming Events:

- Friends-Giving Feast (flyer to follow)
  - In-person for students only.
  - Friday, 11/19 from 4-6pm
  - Sign up to donate the following:
    - rotisserie chicken
    - cold side dish (ie. pasta salad)
    - dinner rolls
    - juice boxes

If you have any questions or concerns, be please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lisa, Site Coordinator.

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