## A Message from Mrs. Smith

Falcon Families,

The cold weather is in full swing! Our month of October sped right by! Thank you to the PTA for the wonderful Red Ribbon Week celebration! We appreciate all of our Room Parents who helped facilitate parties and made for a memorable Halloween. Parents, thank you for supporting from the sidelines. We know how much you want to be here helping in our school and we hope that we can get back to that very soon!

I want to personally thank our parents for supporting us during this pandemic. Thank you for keeping your children home if they are sick. We have felt a very small impact here at Elk Meadows because of your diligence at home. Please know that we recognize your efforts and thank you for helping to keep all of us, students and staff, safe!

The month of November will keep us busy here at school. We are focusing on a new Golden Gate Pledge: I will be a true friend. In our virtual assembly I talked to students about a time in elementary school when I needed a true friend. Please encourage your children to look for those around them that could use a friend.

Please note that Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> is a teacher work day. I need to honor that for the teachers here and therefore we <u>will not</u> be offering small groups on that Friday. Our very first Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00. We will be using online scheduler to sign up for an appointment time with your child's teacher. More information on how to access online scheduler will be forthcoming. Your conference will take place via Zoom, your child's teacher will send you a link to connect. Please be aware of the time slot you have signed up for as teachers will need to leave their meetings in a timely manner to connect with other families. We are excited to try virtual conferences but please be patient with us and the technology. This is our first time with virtual conferences.

During this month of November, I can't help but be thankful for the wonderful place that I get to come to work each day! I am very grateful for the Elk Meadows staff that have worked tirelessly to maintain a positive school experience for students despite all of the pandemic challenges. I am thankful for you students! You have proven to be so resilient and remarkable this year! Falcon families, I am thankful you choose to send your students to us!

Have a thankful month, Mrs. Smith