



“The Quilt Maker and the King” Are Back!!

As part of “I Love To Read Month” in March, the students of Emily Howland will perform an all-school production of “The Quilt Maker and the King”. This musical play of generosity and compassion was premiered in 2006, and is based on Jeff Brumbeau’s and Gail de Marcken’s book, The Quiltmaker’s Gift. It will be performed as a school assembly at 2:15 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 17** (with everyone.) When we performed it the first time with the whole school and their families in attendance, it made for a terribly overcrowded situation, so we have made some adjustments. Evening performances will be **Tuesday, March 17 at 6:45 involving grades 4, 1, and 3**, and **Thursday, March 19 at 6:45 involving grades 4, K, and 2**. **All performances are in the gym.** (Snow date: Tuesday, March 24)

The main parts are played by 4th graders, but every child in the school is involved as well. Each grade level has been studying the music and customs of a different world culture. In the story, the king travels around the world in order to share his possessions with others. So, in the course of our play, the king and his soldiers will “visit” five places. Our Kindergarteners represent China; 1st grade represents Ireland; 2nd grade represents Brazil; 3rd grade represents Hawaii; and, 4th grade represents the Native American Choctaw Nation. As the king arrives at each destination, he is treated to a song and/or dance from that culture.

Many thanks go to our arts booster organization, P’ART (Patrons of the Arts) for donating money to finance costumes, books, scenery, and music for this project. We hope you’ll say yes to the upcoming PIE fund raiser, and other fund raisers sponsored by P’ART, and perhaps become a member yourself.

In addition, the whole school is involved in reading not only The Quiltmaker’s Gift, but also books related to the 5 cultures we are “visiting.” We hope this helps more and more of our children say “I love to read!”

Wish us luck!! Maybe we’ll see you at one of our performances.