

## PTO News November

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten is working hard each and every day while building friendships with one another. We are particularly enjoying our new "show and tell" writing unit where students are writing about favorite toys, people, and places! In math, we continue to build a strong number sense with numbers 0-10 by ordering and comparing numbers. We enjoyed learning about the voting process and participated in a mock election using our class Star Books and voting on upcoming Brain Breaks. We are all so appreciative for our generous class gifts from the PTO and our awesome microphones to project our voice. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

### First Grade

First graders have been busy! We have been building our reading stamina and have learned strategies to read tricky words in our reading. In writing, we are currently working on small moment stories which are stories that are real and true about our own lives. In math, we have been learning strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. Our first graders have been working hard and we look forward to meeting with all of you during parent teacher conferences to celebrate their learning! We would also like to thank the PTO for the generous classroom gifts. We sincerely appreciate your support in making our classrooms the best they can be!

### 2nd Grade

Second graders have been continuing to develop a strong classroom community as we start our third month of school. At the beginning of November we dedicated some lessons to current events. Students voted for their favorite day at Lincoln School as they took part in a voting experience. A "Day of Play" received 48.5 % of the vote. An "Outside All Day" took second place, and "Backwards Schedule Day" placed third. Second graders were also required to plan their top choice by listing equipment needed, and describing why their plan would be enjoyed by all. Looks like

we may have to carry through with "A Day of Play" sometime in the future. It could brighten up a dreary winter day.

In honor of Veteran's Day, students also wrote letters thanking our veterans for their brave service to our country. We will continue to honor our veterans this week.

### 3rd Grade

Third grade has just finished their first writing unit on personal narrative. The students chose an important moment in their lives and narrowed it down to small moment. They learned how to use dialogue and internal thinking in their writing. The published copy will be sent home soon for celebration! The next reading and writing units will be nonfiction. We are currently immersing ourselves in this unit by looking at different types of nonfiction and characteristics of the genre. In math, we are using addition strategies to solve problems. The third grade teachers would also like to thank the PTO for the generous monetary gift which will be used for additional resources in the classroom.

### 4th Grade

Fourth grade enjoyed some Halloween fun, and we are working hard in November! Our writers are publishing their personal narratives and will soon begin an inquiry into a new genre, the personal essay. During Reader's Workshop, we are completing our character studies and switching gears to focus on informational texts next. In word study we have been reviewing homophones and spelling rules, and will soon dive into our study of Greek and Latin prefixes. The fourth grade mathematicians are well into their second unit. We have learned multiple strategies for multiplying larger numbers including the area model, partial products and the traditional algorithm. Long division is next on the list!! Please encourage regular fact practice with your child. We wrapped up our first social studies unit: We the People. The students enjoyed learning about the election process and how our government is organized. In our first science unit we will study how our earth changes over time. We look forward to our parent-teacher conferences and wish everyone a healthy, happy Thanksgiving!

## 5th Grade

In reading, we have been thinking and writing about important moments in stories that help us better understand the characters as well as the lessons they learn. We have been reading chapter books and short stories; new genres, such as folktales and myths, will be introduced as we continue our work with characters and theme. 5C is now reading *One for the Murphy's* as a read aloud, and 5B is reading one of the Battle of the Books titles, *Fieldtripped*. In writing, we are drafting and revising our personal narratives. We have reviewed 4th grade roots and learned new Greek and Latin roots, as well as prefixes and suffixes.

In math, the fifth graders completed their work in Chapter 1. It was a long chapter, which included multiplying and dividing by tens, hundreds, and thousands, multiplying by powers of ten, multiplying and dividing by 2-digit numbers fluently, working with the order of operations, and solving real-world word problems. When solving word problems, students focused on using the ROSE (Read, Organize, Solve & Examine) method and bar modeling. The Chapter 1 Test is planned for Wednesday, November 18 with study tips posted in Ms. Cowie's Math Google Classroom.

In social studies, students took a break from the Three Worlds Meet unit to spend some time on an Election mini-unit, where they learned about the process Americans go through to elect officials to office. We discussed the voting process and students also learned that the United States uses a system called the Electoral College to elect a president. We then returned to our Three Worlds Meet unit to study European Exploration. Students are currently engaged in researching an explorer to understand Europeans' motivations for exploration in the 14-1500s.

## Spanish

Grades 3-5 just finished their Hispanic Heritage Month project. I am very proud of all the students and how hard they work. The students will continue working with the Boom Cards as another tool of reinforcement for learning the Spanish language.

We will be starting a new curriculum called Calico Spanish. It has four levels and each level has eight units. It is a fun, digital animated program and it aligns with the national language learning standards.

## Physical Education

Students are enjoying the time we spend outside for physical education. Although the weather may be getting colder, we will continue to spend as much time outside as possible, so dress accordingly. We are continuing our soccer unit this fall as well as refining locomotor skills. While the skills change based on the unit we are doing, there is always a strong emphasis on sportsmanship and doing our best!