

Read All About It!

October News for Room 12

I hope that everyone had a fun first month in First Grade. We are playing and working hard inside and outside the classroom. This is what we will be working on in October:

Math: We will be working on Addition and Subtraction Concepts (chapters 4 and 5). On Back to School Night I gave you the Table of Contents from the math workbook. This will show you exactly what we will be learning in each unit.

Language Arts: We will start our second unit in *Open Court*, called *Animals*. In this unit the students will be reading non-fiction selections about different kinds of animals. We are also going to write animal research reports.

Spelling: We are working on letter formation and spelling dictation.

Science: We will be learning about different animals and their habitats.

Character Education: We will be talking about responsibility.

Social Studies: We will be studying folklore and festivals.

Reminders:

- Homework is due on Fridays, and your child will receive a new homework packet on Monday.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday dismissal is at 2:48. On Wednesday dismissal is at 1:15. On the first Wednesday of the month, dismissal is at 12:05.
- On 12:05 dismissal days please pack your child a big snack to eat during lunch time. They need to eat at school even if you plan on having them eat lunch at 12:00 after school.

Special Events

- **The week of October 8:** This will be a hectic week and then we will be back to normal. I might have to go in for Jury Duty this week. I will try my hardest to get dismissed. I also have another family obligation on October 11th and 12th. Sharlene Sasaki will be here in room 12 on those days. She is a wonderful substitute teacher and a parent here at Leitch. Please let me know if you have any concerns about this week.
- **October 11:** Progress Reports go home. Please look below for an explanation of Progress Reports.
- **October 16:** Oakland Zoo Field Trip More information will be coming in the Leitch Folder.

- **October 18**: Fall Stampede
- **October 30**: Picture Day

- **October 31: Halloween 12:35 dismissal**: We will be doing educational Halloween themed activities beginning at 12:05. Feel free to come to room 12 and help.

Progress Reports:

I will send home Progress Reports for those students who are performing below grade level. I will also send reports for those students who need a little boost in some areas. The reports will help you know how you can help your child at home. If you do not receive a Progress Report your child is on grade level. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Amazing Authors

The Amazing Authors that we learned about in September were Robert Munsch and Kevin Henkes. Robert Munsch's books are fun to read. His books have many interesting sound words and funny situations. Kevin Henkes' books deal with many kid issues like being teased, or fears about the first day of school.

The Amazing Authors for the month of October are Eric Carle and Jan Brett. Both of these authors have many books about animals, which is what we are studying in Open Court. The illustrations in both of these author's books are wonderfully colorful and detailed. I hope you will enjoy reading books by these authors with your children.

We have had two big changes in our library and prep schedules. I have re-done the schedule I gave you on Back to School night and attached it to this newsletter. Please cross out the old schedule and refer to the new schedule. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Calling All Volunteers

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered for Art and Workshop. Art is on Thursdays at 12:40 and Workshop is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 2:00. Feel free to come at these times if you want to volunteer. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to chaperone for the Oakland Zoo field trip. You will receive an information letter. It is never too late to volunteer, so if you are interested please call as soon as possible. 657-6100 ext. 44012.