

October Newsletter Room 6 - Mrs. Croft

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to meet all of you at Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 25. I very much appreciate your taking the time to learn about your child's first grade year.

This will be a busy month for our class. We will continue all year with the daily homework folder. Decodable books will be coming home on a more frequent basis now, and the homework folder will be the place to look for them. Please keep the decodable books at home in your decorated shoebox and have your child practice reading them until he/she can read them fluently. Return the homework folder each day and I will check it for messages, or extra work that has been completed at home. Also, please continue to read to your child as often as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, October 1 -Book-It reading incentive program begins – see attached sheet for details, and pumpkin recording sheet.
- Wednesday, October 3 - Assembly and 12:05 Dismissal Day
- Wednesday, October 10 - 1:15 Dismissal Day
- Thursday, October 11 - Read Across the Curriculum
- Tuesday, October 16- Field Trip to the Oakland Zoo
- Wednesday, October 17 - 1:15 Dismissal Day
- Thursday, October 18 - Fall Stampede
- Wednesday, October 24 - 1:15 Dismissal Day
- October 22 – 26 - Red Ribbon Week - Drug Awareness
- Tuesday, October 30 - Picture Day, Turn in March Book-It reading log
- Wednesday, October 31 - Early Release - after Halloween Special Event 12:05-12:35 P.M.

OAKLAND ZOO FIELD TRIP - October 16

While at the Oakland Zoo, we will hear docents tell us about animals at certain exhibits. Our chaperones will help "watch the clock" to make sure that we get to see all of the exhibits. Please remember to send a disposable bag lunch with your child on that day. Each chaperone may want to take a backpack to carry the student lunches for his/her group. I hope that the chaperones will be able to come to room 6 at Leitch at 8:40 A. M. to meet students and pick up the bag lunches. Then chaperones will drive separately to the zoo, and meet the student buses in the Oakland Zoo parking lot. Please remember that only 1st grade students (no siblings) are allowed to participate in the field trip. The bus which will transport the students and teachers will leave school at 9:00 and will return by 2:00. We currently have four parents who have offered to chaperone on this field trip. Thank-you so much! If anyone else is interested, but cannot drive, please contact me. It's possible that another parent can take you along. It's a very enjoyable experience.

CURRICULUM NOTES

Areas we will be studying this month are as follows:

MATH—We will work on subtraction in chapters 3 and 4 and will continue with addition and subtraction for the remainder of the month.

LANGUAGE ARTS—Our work will include daily phonemic awareness, phonics, blending, and reading, as well as sustained silent reading and writing. Your child is welcome to bring recreational reading books from home to read as a choice item during Workshop. Themes this month will include animals, fall, and Halloween. Social Studies and Science is integrated into our Open Court literature. The Big Book will focus on Animals this month.

SOCIAL STUDIES- Folklore/Festivals, Life Long Ago

SCIENCE - Living things, including plants and animals_____

Your children have been working hard and showing improvement in their math, reading, and writing already. We will continue to use our behavior system each day and hope that everyone gets rewarded for excellent behavior every week this month!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to those of you who have signed up to volunteer in the classroom. If I haven't been already, I'll be in touch with you soon to set up times for you to come in on a regular basis, if possible. Special needs for October: one parent to accompany students from our classroom to two other classes for Read Across the Curriculum on 10-11-07 from 8:45 to 10:10; also, one parent to cover 20 milk cartons with black paper (at home) for 10-31-07. I already have the milk cartons.

Thank you very much for items you have donated to the class, i.e., money for study trips, books, pencils, pens, paper, markers, and Kleenex, etc. Thank you for helping your children and me in the classroom and at home. I greatly appreciate your generosity. Thank you also for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 657-6100 Ex. 44006, or email me at lcroft@mail.fremont.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Linda Croft