

Language Arts:

Students have begun to explore the writing process in Language Arts. All students wrote a descriptive paper on their favorite food. Students are graded using a rubric. The completed story packets will be sent home shortly.

Last week each student in the school drafted a letter to a famous dyslexic person. Our choices were Keanu Reeves and Kelly McCorkle. Hopefully, we will hear back from them soon. Through this experience, we explored the components letter writing.

We will continue this letter writing theme this week with our Flat Stanley activity. Flat Stanley is a chapter book we just completed. In the story, a bulletin board falls on Stanley in the middle of the night. He isn't hurt, but now he is only half an inch thick! The story tells of his many adventures. One such adventure is that he travels in an envelope to visit his friends in California.

This week each student will be making a flat version of themselves. They will also each write a letter describing how they became flat, as well as describe a few adventures they have had. I will need you to help your child mail "themselves" to a relative or friend. More directions and the materials will be sent home next week.



Science:

We have been having a very exciting time in Science class studying our Painted Lady Caterpillars. We observed their amazing growth over such a short period of time. Friday morning we discovered that 3 of the 5 caterpillars had changed into a chrysalis! A few hours later some of the students actually were able to witness the fourth caterpillar changing right before their eyes. It was great experience. We will be waiting another few days for our butterflies to emerge. The class will observe for a day and then release our butterflies into the wild.

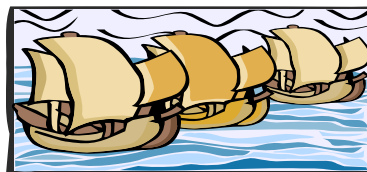
The next unit of study is the seasons and weather.



Social Studies:

We will be discussing Christopher Columbus in honor of Columbus Day next Monday.

The next unit will be Map Skills.





Other Notes:

***Library Day- Tuesday**

***Show and Tell -Thursday from 12:30-12:55**

Please make sure your student only brings toys to school on Show and Tell days.

***Please sign up for your Parent Conference time.**

Conferences are **October 15th**. There will be **no school** for students that day. Please refer to the email for available times. All parents are to sign up for a time to meet with their child's teacher/s and ALT. Please come with your questions!

***Please make sure to check and initial your student's binder each night!** This is essential for our continued and ongoing communication. Thank you to those parents already initialing each night.

***Please send \$5 for our field trip to Pioneer Farms** (if you have not already done so.) The trip is **October 12th**. I have received all of the permission slips, but not all the money. Thank you!

Don't Miss:

*October 12th-Field Trip to Pioneer Farms

*October 15th –Parent Conferences

*October 18th- Dyslexia Simulation 6:30 p.m. in Beverly Hall

*October 26th- Fall Fest

*November 1st and 2nd- No School: Professional Development

