

October 12, 2017

Hi Everyone,

The newsletter is going out a bit early this week to get in some reminders before the end of the week. Please check the proofs of the student pictures to choose what you would like to purchase. Orders need to be in this week. Every family had an order form with the website to view the photos and a password placed in mailboxes in the lobby. We are hoping the orders are in by the end of this week. If you need retakes, please let Courtney in the office know.

Remember CNS is holding their annual trivia night tomorrow to celebrate Friday the thirteenth. It will be at Blue Sky Winery. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the actual contest starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar and appetizers. Please come cheer on your favorite team or better yet get your own team together to let your trivia skills shine. Raffle tickets for the 50-50 raffle are on sale now and will be Friday night at the event.

Our work with the growth mindset from the Responsive Classroom has started to have a positive effect on our students. It can be seen in attitudes as well as scores in math and ELA. We have also been concentrating on team building with our morning meetings and morning message and I feel like that has brought some of our kids more out of themselves so they are interacting more with the whole group.

The students have been doing a great job of sending notes to the younger children who they are secret buddies for. They had a break from writing notes or cards to them this week since it was a short week.

We started *A Wrinkle in Time* this week and will move forward with that tomorrow. The students have all started drafting their science fiction stories. These are due on Friday, October

27. They must be in final copy format having been peer edited and typed. The stories must be a minimum of three typed pages. Students have been working on this in class. They also need to spend time at home working on this as well as their reading for the allotted time each night.

We have finished our unit on space science and will be moving into a study of minerals and rocks starting next week. We are currently studying civilizations in Mesopotamia but will be moving on to ancient Egypt by the end of next week. This will involve a lot of projects and hands-on work

In math we are working on various concepts depending on the students and where they are in their learning. Fifth grade math students are working on multiplying whole numbers and decimals and patterns involved with this. Sixth grade math is working on different ways to display and interpret data. Seventh grade math is working on fractions and decimals. Our algebra student will be starting to work on inequalities on Monday.

Our Oktoberfest and Halloween party are coming up on Tuesday, October 31. Students will be participating in multiage activities from 1:30 until 2:30. From 2:30 to 3:00 they will be having their own class party and for kids this age that means food and music. I am going to ask them to plan what they need and then send out requests for donations. From 3:00-3:30 they will be cleaning up and then enjoying some free play outside.

Remember if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me so we can provide the best education possible for your child.

Best wishes,

Carla

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 13: Trivia Night at Blue Sky

Saturday, October 21: Work Day at CNS starting at 1:00

Tuesday, October 31: Oktoberfest and Party from 1:00-3:00

Wednesday, November 1: Whacky Wednesday Assembly 8:30

Thursday, November 2: School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday, November 3: End of the Grading Period and No School or Childcare