

# 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Classroom Newsletter

October 17<sup>th</sup> – October 21<sup>st</sup>

Hello Parents and Families!

We had fun celebrating Spanish Heritage Month today. It was fun to see what they have learned so far in Spanish class. Thank you to the parents that attended.

Please look for a field trip form that will be in your child's folder next week. We will be going to Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge to finalize our unit on ecosystems, food chains, and wildlife. The field trip will be November 10<sup>th</sup>. I will need forms returned by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

I hope to see you all at Panera Bread on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for our annual fundraiser. All you have to do is show the flyer (electronic or paper) to the cashier and eat some yummy food!

I have attached a sign-up sheet for our Oktoberfest party. Please email me if you are able to bring any of the listed items or volunteer.

Finally, Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> we will be saying good bye to Ms. Katie, our SIU intern. She has a fun Math activity planned for the morning.

Thanks,  
Melissa

Questions to ask:

What are you reading in your reading packets (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>)? What book did you choose to write your summary on?

Demonstrate one way to add numbers? (1<sup>st</sup> grade)

*For the week of October 17<sup>th</sup> in our class...*

**Math:**

**1<sup>st</sup> grade:** Use concrete objects to solve "adding to" putting together addition problems.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** Different ways to find the difference of subtraction problems

**Language Arts:**

**Green Group:**

*Comprehension: Understanding characters*

*Fluency: Expression*

*Phonics: Short vowel i words*

*Grammar: Complete sentences*

*Writing: Writing sentences that describe*

*Stories: How Animals Communicate by William Munoz*

**Orange and Purple:**

*Comprehension: Main Idea and Supporting details*

*Grammar: Proper Nouns*

*Writing: Writing to summarize*

*Vocabulary Strategies: Homophones*

*Students will be given reading packets that include informative and fictional writing examples.*

**Read Alouds:** Bunnacula by Deborha and James Howe

**Social Studies:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will continue reading a "newspaper" called Studies Weekly. This week's theme will be maps, and locating places on the United States map.

## Important Dates

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Panera Bread Fundraiser

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**- Oktoberfest

*Please check out the monthly New School newsletter for other important details!*

## October Birthdays

10<sup>th</sup> – Grayson

27<sup>th</sup> – Tony

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