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Important Reminders

- Box Top Contest - October 17 until October 27
- Popcorn every Friday for 50¢
- Picture Retakes - Thursday, October 26
- October Reading Log - due Tuesday, October 31
- Early Release Day - Tuesday, October 31 @ 12:15
- New hashtag: #happyhalloween (pictures should be 3" x 3")
- Halloween party information letter was sent home a few weeks ago.
Only the first 9 students were asked to bring something in for the party.
- I am no longer checking planners. Therefore, please remember that it is your child's responsibility to record all homework in his/her planner. Thanks for all your help!
- Please email or call if you have any questions and/or concerns & check out www.missrosenthal.com for class updates.



Reading Workshop - We continued our first reading workshop unit titled, Interpreting Characters. This week, readers discussed their complicated characters and had debates about differences in their viewpoints. They also read a Scholastic News magazine. Please remind your child that he/she **should read at least 20 minutes each night and record it on the October Reading Log homework**. If you have any questions about the reading homework, including book levels, please feel free to email me. Thanks so much for having book talks with your child and encouraging him/her to read aloud nightly. The only way to become a better reader is to read! **We will be checking reading logs every Friday**, so please make sure he/she keeps it in the homework pocket so he/she can earn classroom economy money!

Writing Workshop - We continued our writing workshop unit this week titled, The Arc of Story: Realistic Fiction. This week writers wrote scenes by showing and not telling, drafted the heart of their story, and wrote super leads. Ask your child what his/her story is about.

Math - We continued unit 2, which is all about multiplication of whole numbers. This week students practiced how to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. They also learned how to multiply 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers and practiced story problems. They also took a quick quiz on Friday. They took multiplication quizzes with facts 4, 5, and 6. Please remember that math homework is due the following day and it is checked in class together. Students usually complete the "remembering" side in class and then they usually complete the "homework" side at home. All of the papers for the entire unit stay in the math pocket. The only homework is what is placed in the homework pocket and written in the planner. Please check your child's math homework using the answer key on our classroom website. **Students must practice addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts at home for a few minutes each night**. We are having timed quizzes on the facts each week. It is essential that students know the basic facts (+ - x) very quickly so that they can master more difficult math concepts. They can also practice individualized math skills at home using www.mobymax.com.

Word Work - We continued word study this week. There are three word work groups (yellow, green, and blue), which are based on the students' spelling level. Ask your child about the speed sort, blind sort, gluing the sort, and quiz. All word work is done in class, but each student will receive a list of their words to practice at home. Students are expected to know the patterns, how to spell the words, where the words belong, and apply those pattern skills to new words. We continued high frequency word (HFW) assessments this week. Please have your child keep the high frequency word packet in the spelling pocket. Each Monday we will write the test date next to the words. This week they had the assessment on words #26-30. I am noticing that students are still struggling with memorizing the high frequency words. It is crucial that these words are studied for a few minutes a night to ensure correct spelling when they are writing everyday.
Thank you so much for all of your help with the HFW!

Olweus Anti-Bully Meetings - We continued our anti-bully meetings this week by creating a name bubble. Ask your child about this fun project!

Social Studies - Mrs. Waffenschmidt traveled to the Coliseum in Rome, Italy. Each student filled out his/her passport and received a stamp. Ask your child to show you his/her passport in the traveling folder. Explore Little Passports online. We also continued to discuss having a "growth mindset" by looking at various quotations and watching another class Dojo video. The kids love those videos! Check out their flipbook in the Friday folder.

Science - The students continued the "Energy and Waves" unit by learning about heat and light energy. We also began exploring electricity. The unit test is on Friday, October 27. The students will have to explain experiments and prove their understanding using evidence. A review sheet will go home before the test after we go over it in class. Please have your child teach his/her science journal pages by explaining what was learned in each experiment and the notes starting on page 88 to you each night.

Unit of Inquiry - We focused on the IB Learner Profile attribute principled this week. Basically, being principled means telling the truth, following rules, and being fair. Next week the students will create their quilt writing. Ask your child about all of the IB quilts we will make this year. Be sure to look at quilts in the hall.

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Learner Profile

PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.