

# The Ray News

November 28, 2011

## Important News



- ❖ **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES...** Thank you to all the parents who met with us for conferences. It was great to talk with you about your child's achievements and goals! If you did not have the chance to meet with your child's homeroom teacher please contact them to set up a day and time to conference.
- ❖ **SOCIAL STUDIES TEST...** All students will take a test covering the material learned in the "Three Worlds Meet" unit in social studies this Friday. We have attached a study guide to the Ray News. We will review as a class on Thursday, but students are encouraged to study throughout the week on their own.
- ❖ **NEEDED ITEMS...** Students will need to bring in materials to make the different types of joints found in the human body by Friday.
- ❖ **READING CALENDARS...** November reading calendars are due by Friday. Attached to this newsletter you will find a December reading calendar.
- ❖ **MUG EXCHANGE...** Please send in one wrapped holiday mug for our mug exchange with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. These mugs will be used during our hot cocoa party on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ **BOOK FAIR...** This week students will get a chance to purchase books at the book fair. They will get a sneak peak on Tuesday afternoon. Each homeroom will get a chance to purchase books on Friday from 11-12. Keep this in mind as you are completing your holiday shopping. Also, if you are available to volunteer at the book fair during the week please let Mrs. Hingst know as soon as possible. THANK YOU!
- ❖ **PARENT PARTNERS...** Last Tuesday students did not get the opportunity to make cranberry relish for Thanksgiving because we didn't get all of the ingredients. In order to run the Ray Store, do fun activities and celebrate holidays we need your help and support. Thank you ☺

December already?



## What's Happening?

Please check your child's planner each night to see what new concepts they are learning in math.

Students will meet in literacy groups this week. Your child has a literacy menu containing the week's grammar and spelling focus. **There will be a spelling test this Friday over the "Mae Jemison" list located on page 271 in their practice book.** Students may log on to [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com) to practice their spelling words.

We will finish reading Number the Stars, by: Lois Lowry, in book club this week. Students will have a test over this book next week.

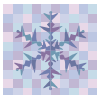
In science, students will explore the muscular system. On Wednesday, they will participate in three centers to learn more about this particular system. On Friday they will construct the four types of joints found in the human body using common household items. **They are responsible for bringing in these items by Friday.**

In Social Studies, we will end our unit on the meeting of the three worlds. Students will review for their test on Thursday and take the test Friday afternoon.

In Writer's Workshop, students will continue to work on their historical fiction. This week they will focus on creating a rough draft. They will also conference with their teacher to make sure they are including all of the required elements.



### CHILLY WEATHER IS HERE...



Please remind your child to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Students are expected to go outside for recess on a daily basis. It would be helpful for your child to have a coat, hat, gloves, snow pants and boots at school for the winter.

# Important Dates

November 28- Dec. 2	Fall Book Fair
December 2	Book Fair Dance
December 21	Treat Street
December 22- Jan. 2	Holiday Break
January 3	School Resumes
January 13	Winter Survival Day- Tentative
January 16	No school for students
January 23	P.I.E. Meeting 6:30
January 26	Chinese New Year Lunch
January 27	End of second card marking
January 27	Backcountry Film Festival
February 3	Report Cards



## CLASSROOM ECONOMY

The Ray Community operates a classroom economy throughout the year in which students create a monetary unit, design currency and earn money for classroom jobs while learning about personal finance. We also have a "Ray Community Store" where students can use their money to purchase items. We are looking for families that might be able to donate small items that students could purchase at the school store. We would appreciate any of the following items to start our school store...

**MECHANICAL PENCILS, COOL PENS, NON-PERISHABLE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACK ITEMS, CANS OF POP, LOCKER DECORATIONS, BOOK COVERS, POSTERS, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU THINK 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS MIGHT ENJOY.**

\*\*\* THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!! \*\*\*



## HOW CAN I CONTACT AN UPPER EL TEACHER???



Upper El Teachers can be reached by phone before school from 8:00-8:30 a.m. or after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Feel free to e-mail questions or concerns at anytime.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish Families

Dear parents,

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade espanol class went on a field trip to Imlay City and visited the Hispanic Center. We learned what services they provide for all ethnic groups in the community. Their greatest need is FOOD right now because so many people are unemployed due to the bad economy. We want to make food baskets for needy families in time for navidad (Christmas) as our community project this year and we need the help of everyone in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please (por favor) start bringing in non-perishable items next week. Also, if you have any baskets that you can donate, bring them in as soon as possible.

A reminder to my estudiantes de espanol, start doing your chores to earn \$5.00 or more so we can buy Christmas gifts for a "chica" and "chico" and not be rushing at the last minute. I received compliments from the three places we went to about how well the students behaved and their speaking of espanol. It was a very good field trip. Thanks to the parents that drove also.

MUCHAS GRACIAS,

Senora Campbell