

The Ray News

November 7, 2011

Fall

Important News



- ❖ **THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!!...**Our first field study went great thanks to our parent chaperones. At the planetarium the students learned a lot about planets, moon phases, and constellations. They also got to make a star finder. At the museum they learned about trappers and traders, and also about robotics. Thank you again for helping make this a success ☺
- ❖ **NEEDED ITEMS...**Please keep us in mind when getting rid of empty two-liter bottles. We are also in need of panty hoses, graham crackers, small Dixie cups, 1oz solo cups and straws. These items are needed for our upcoming human body hands-on activities.
- ❖ **READING CALENDAR...**Last week we sent home November's reading calendar. Please remind your child to fill them out each night. These will be due on December 1st.
- ❖ **INTENSIVE STUDY...**This week is our school wide science intensive study. The 5th grade students will work with 4th grade on a simple machine. They will create a graph based on the data from their experiment. On Friday the graphs will be displayed in the lobby area for the classes to view and discuss. The students will also hear a presentation from the Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom in the commons at 12:30.
- ❖ **CONFERENCE UPDATE...**We will be having parent-teacher conferences on November 21-22. Watch for a schedule to go up this week in the lobby. If these days or times do not work for you please notify your child's homeroom teacher.

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 "La Bamba" list located on page 269 in their practice book.** Students may log on to www.spellingcity.com to practice their spelling words.

We will continue reading Number the Stars, by: Lois Lowry, in book club this week.

In science, students will also be introduced to our next unit; the human body. This is in addition to the science intensive study.

In Social Studies, we will learn about Christopher Columbus and his reason for exploration. Students will also read two very different accounts of Columbus and will formulate their own opinion of him afterward.

In Writer's Workshop, students will continue to work on their historical fiction. For this writing piece they are writing about life on an explorer's ship. The time period and explorer must be historically accurate, but they must also have fictional elements in their story.

I'm A Little Scarecrow

I'm a little scarecrow,
raggedy and worn

I wear a hat,
and a shirt that is torn

When the crows come,
I wave and shout,
"Away from my garden-get on out!"



Important Dates

November 9	Picture Retakes 8:30 am
November 11	End of First Card Marking
November 18	Report Cards
November 19	Chatfield Craft Bazaar 9am-4pm
November 21	P.I.E. Meeting- 6:30pm
November 21-22	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
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



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 5th 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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