



November News

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Hello Families,

We had great time during Autumn Adventure Day and recently reconnected with our book buddies who are now in second grade! I have added some pictures of both events to our website. Below is information about classroom happenings for the month of November.

Academic Update: This month in language arts we will finish our first module using the anchor text, *Esperanza Rising*. We have also started WIN (What I Need) groups for a 30 minute block of time using on the non-fiction text, *The Great Plains*. Students will soon complete their third (and last!) narrative essay for this trimester. In Science, we have started our new unit, *Watery Planet & the Dust Bowl*, which integrates with *Esperanza Rising*. Our new novel study is *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix, the first of the *Shadow Children* series. In math, we continue to pilot the *Volume* unit from Illustrative Math.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Trimester 1 ends on Friday, Dec. 1. Parent-teacher conferences will take place starting Thursday, Dec. 7. If you have not signed up for a conference yet, slots are still available using Sign Up Genius. You can access this sign up using the link in the email version of this newsletter or the one posted on the homepage of our classroom website. (If you prefer a phone conference, please respond to this email so we can set up a good day and time for our call.) Students will be completing a sample report card on themselves to share with me how they think they are doing in school. We will have “student- teacher” conferences to discuss their actual report card. This gives me an opportunity to explain grading and answer questions, and helps us develop goals for the next trimester. If you have questions, please contact me.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Thank you,
Mrs. Anneser

Reminders:

- Wednesday, November 15 - early release
- Wednesday, Nov. 22 – Friday, Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Break
- Friday, December 1 - Trimester 1 ends
- Thursday, Dec. 7 - Parent-Teacher Conferences begin (slots available using the link in this newsletter email or our classroom website)