



October Update



October 2023

Dear Families,

Happy October! I hope you have been enjoying this wonderful fall weather. Below is information about our classroom for the month of October.

Academic Update: In language arts, we continue to work with literary texts and the novel *Esperanza Rising*. For our novel study, we are reading *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary. For writing, students continue to work on narratives. This month students are writing a mystery story using the book *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* by Chris Van Allsburg.

In math, we are finishing *Unit 2: Whole Number Place Value and Operations*. Students will receive their homework back as a “study packet” prior to the test. (“DT”= “done together”) Once students complete the test, it will be sent home with a cover sheet to be signed and returned. (You may keep the test.) We will continue to review these concepts and skills throughout the year. Next, we will learn about the concepts of *Area and Volume (Unit 1 in Everyday Math)*, however we will be piloting materials from the Illustrative Math program so there might be disruptions to our regular routines.

In social studies, we are finishing our unit on Canada and Mexico. Next, we will transition to the science unit “Watery Planet” using Mystery Science which explores the water cycle and Earth’s systems.

Autumn Adventure Day: We will celebrate Autumn Adventure Day on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Students may bring costumes to wear during our celebration but fake weapons are not allowed. We are currently planning activities that tie in with our study of Mexico and “Day of the Dead.” Students will participate in a variety of activities related to this topic including watching the animated movie, *Coco*, at the end of the day. More information about this movie and a permission slip are attached to the hard copy of this newsletter.

As always, please let me know if you have comments or questions.

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Reminders:

- Wednesday, October 18 - Early Release
- Tuesday, October 31 - Autumn Adventure Day
- Tuesday, November 7 - Teacher Workshop Day (no school)
- Friday, November 10 - Veterans’ Day (no school)