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The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter

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Just a reminder that parent/student/teacher conferences are next Tuesday and Thursday. Please click on [this link](#) if you need to see your time. I look forward to seeing all of you.

PTO News

Our K-5 PTO is excited about our upcoming Craft Night on Monday, November 13th from 5:00-8:00 at the IC. We hope to see you there! If you're interested in joining, their monthly meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 at the PC.

Thank you!

A special thank you to the following parents for chaperoning our trip to the Overture to see Giraffes Can't Dance: Cori Aschliman, Nicole Kleinschmidt, Pam Fels, and Becca Thompson. We're so lucky to have that nearby.

Also, thank you to the Tank, Thompson, Forler, Davis, and Kleinschmidt families for supplying all the fun treats for our party. A special thank you to Owen and his mom for sending in some fun games for us to play too.

Academics:

Reading- We read a short story called "What Do Illustrators Do?" The story compared two illustrators and how they would recreate Jack and the Beanstalk. Students learned that illustrators create a dummy to lay out their plan. They also have to decide what perspective they would use: bird's eye view, far away, close-up or even a mouse's point of

view. Did you know that most picture books have 32 pages? *Ask your child: Why would an illustrator need to use a mirror to help them when they draw? (To have a model to see an expression like surprise.)*

Math- In unit 2, our goal is to use efficient strategies to solve one digit by one digit multiplication problems accurately. One strategy we've been trying is doubling: if your problem is $8 \times 3 = m$ you can take $4 \times 3 = 12$ and then double the 12 to get 24.

We wrapped up our October Number Corner with a Number Corner assessment. We will be sharing those at conferences.

For the month of November N.C. we will be collecting fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$) and finding the area of a variety of shapes.

Language arts- For this week's DLR, we learned about abstract and concrete nouns, what a pronoun refers to, how to capitalize a title correctly, and when to add -s or -es to make a word plural. *Ask your child: How do you know when to add -s or -es? (If the word ends in a hissing sound or like air is coming out of a tire. Ex.) words that end in s, ch, sh, and x)*

We are wrapping up our first round of personal narrative writing. Next, we will work on writing opinion pieces. What better time of year to convince their parents to buy them a present they want? They will need to be convincing. :)

Spelling- This week we learned tricks to help us remember three priority word homophones:

***there** (place) ***their**-(ownership)I own something ***they're** (they are contraction) we also need to know **where**

The rest of our list is all about the blends scr, spr, and thr

Social Studies- We started our study of landforms (physical features) beginning with oceans and rivers.

Science- This week we took a quiz on animal behaviors. We know many, but not all animals live in groups to help protect each other, get food and keep each other warm and safe.

Important Information/Reminders:

- Parent/teacher/student conference & Book Fair: Tuesday, November 7th
- Parent/teacher/student conference & Book Fair- Thursday, November 9th
- PTO Craft Night- Monday, November 13 @ IC Cafeteria 5-8pm
- Picture retakes- November 14
- No School- November 23-24
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Special Star

Warren was our special star this week. He is celebrating his birthday today. I wonder if will get chicken and broccoli casserole, his favorite food. Every day after school, Warren likes to play on his Switch. When he's not doing that, you might find him reading the Super Rabbit Boy series or playing one of his favorite games, Uno. He also might watch his favorite TV show called *Nailed It!*, which is a baking show. That would be a great show for him to watch since he wants to be a professional baker someday. He'd even love to own his own bakery. I'll do quality control for him. 😊 To help out around the house, Warren does chores like vacuuming, and he lets the dog out. He says math and reading are two things he does well. Some day he would like to visit Australia.

