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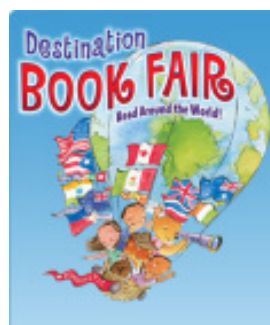
Upcoming Events

Event:	For:	Date:	Time:
Trunk or Treat	All	October 31	1:00
Early Dismissals	Students	November 4,5,6	12:30
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Parents	November 4,5,6	1:30 – 3:30
No School	All	November 7 & 8	

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!!

The annual Banyan Scholastic Bookfair will take place in the Banyan Library Monday – Wednesday, November 4 through 6.. We will be open all day, and encourage all students AND parents to stop by to shop for reading materials and other fun games and activities.

We accept cash, or checks made out to 'Banyan School PTO', and - new this year - eWallet as a payment option. eWallets give students a secure, cash-free way to shop the fair. Parents simply create an account and authorize a spending limit on their credit card. There is no charge to set up an eWallet. Detailed instructions will follow next week.



MRS. RALLO'S CLASS NEWS

Reading

My period 1 class has just completed a book and is now beginning to read another. The students did an amazing job defining and learning new vocabulary, answering questions in complete sentences, and retelling each chapter using the Wilson graphic organizer. I know they will do a great job in their new book.

Period 3 has recently begun reading I Am Malala a story about a young girl from Pakistan who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban. Although hesitant at first, the students seem to be intrigued by this autobiography of Malala Yousafzai. In addition to becoming familiar with some Muslim words, the students are learning about the life and hardships of the women in Pakistan.

Writing

This week, both writing classes have begun writing a descriptive piece. Students are designing a jack-o-lantern which they will have to describe. They have been encouraged to use strong adjectives to make their writing "come to life". Students will be expected to use their knowledge of subject/predicate and capitalization rules when creating their "masterpiece".

Vocabulary- The students recently watched a short video on the types of context clues. In addition to using the dictionary, they now know they can look for clues within a sentence to determine word meaning. The students completed activities on the Smart Board to practice this skill which they will continue to apply when reading stories. They are presently reading Inside and Outside Carlsbad Caverns. Students will practice using context clues to determine word meaning of new vocabulary words in this story.

MS. VANDENBREE'S CLASS NEWS

My period 1 Reading class enjoys reading and retelling new stories. They are doing a fantastic job! My FIRST class periods 2/3 are working hard on their tapping, blending, and segmenting skills to read and spell words. They keep learning new letters and sounds! We just learned the letter and sound for "e." They have also been learning to read and spell new sight words! My period 5 Writing class has been busy writing and typing their student council speeches. My FIRST class periods 7/8 are working on reading and spelling multisyllabic words. They have learned all about prefixes and the schwa! They are doing a great job scooping and reading smoothly with fluency! My TMC class period 9 has been working on their visualizing, verbalizing, and listening comprehension skills. They have been enjoying listening and visualizing Halloween stories! Also, they are doing a great job identifying and using the structure word cards for each class activity.

Keep up the great work everyone!

GIRLS GROUP CANDY DRIVE

Your votes have been tallid and we will be collecting candy for Operation Gratitude!!

Fairfield Dental Group is taking donations and sending to the troops overseas.

Girls Group members have been hard at work decorating our donation boxes as well as printing out flyers and making posters.

We will be accepting candy donations until Monday, November 4.

Happy Halloween to all!

MR. CUELLAR'S CLASS NEWS

In our reading class, we are finishing up the short story Super-Wild Kids: Green Goo where the Super-Wild Kids have to figure out how to save the city from the powerful Golden Frog! The students have made some bold predictions and have made some conclusions as to how the Super Wild Kids will defeat the Golden Frog and his army!

In our fourth period TMC class, we have been breaking down the characters from Bridge to Terabithia to see how they have changed. We are specifically identifying how their perspectives have been altered from events in the story. This break down has helped build vivid visuaisualizations and has led to great discussions in our class.

In our ninth period TMC class, we are moving from listening to one paragraph at a time to visualizing and verbalizing a couple paragraphs at a time. We utilize our structure words to build complete and detailed moments from the paragraphs.

SOCIAL SKILLS NEWS

In Social Skills groups we are working on Zones of Regulation. The color coded zones help the students identify and verbalize their feelings. The zones are particularly helpful for our students who may struggle with explaining how a certain situation made them feel. We start off with the Zones of Regulation because it builds upon other Social Thinking strategies that we discuss further in the year. Having a concrete language to identify feelings is important for our students and truly is a great way to have them conceptualize that feelings and needs go hand in hand. Our feelings tell us a lot about what we need in situations. We always want our students to be in the Green Zone which means we are calm, happy, and ready to learn. The Blue Zone means we may be tired, moving slowly, or bored. The Yellow Zone is when we feel anxious, frustrated, or worried. The Red Zone is when we become angry and or scared. The zones gives our students a tool to express feelings and learn more about themselves and the social situations around them!

Miranda Dekker

MRS. ONSDORFF'S SCHOOL STORE NEWS

Our school store "The Dog Bone Shop" will be open every other Friday during the lunch period. Once again, the store will be under the management of our very dedicated managers, Eric and Erin. The store provides many educational and social goals for all of our students. It allows students to practice their math skills while identifying bills and coins, adding up the cost of items, and using subtraction in order to figure out the change that each customer must receive. It is not only academics that are being emphasized. It allows both the workers and the customers to display politeness, cooperation, and problem solving. Over the years, I have seen many of the workers develop confidence and communication skills while dealing with coworkers and customers. Other skills that they are acquiring while working at the store are the ability to organize, keep track of inventory, and make cooperative decisions. Any student in the school is welcome to work at the store. This year Mrs. Aronoff has offered to be our shopper for the merchandise that we sell. We are also grateful to the other parents and grandparents who have donated items to our inventory. We carry a wide variety of merchandise, and this year Mr. Boysen will once again take photos of our basketball teams and cheerleaders that will be for sale. He will also take pictures of activities taking place during Girls Group and Guys Group. We also have the assistance of Mrs. Schenfeld who helps the students at the register.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR STORE! Encourage your children to shop on Fridays. Our items range in price from \$.25 to \$5.00. We are also grateful for any donations of merchandise that you would like to make to our store.