

Banyan School

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Upcoming Events

Event:	For:	Date:	Time:
Picture Retakes	All	November 14	9:00 am
Thanksgiving Feast	All	November 20	Noon
Early Dismissal	All	November 27	12:30 pm
No School	All	November 28 & 29	

MRS. MICHEL'S SCIENCE NEWS

The trout have hatched and the students released them into the large tank. The students have taken care of the trout by testing the water and now they are able to feed the trout when they come in to help take care of our science animals and fish.

In science class the students are learning about the planets. The students are going to create a diorama of Mars. We are in need of some shoeboxes. If you have any please send them to the science room. In my morning classes the students are learning about different storms. The students were able to make a model of a hurricane. Fun was had by all.

Parents,

Our Thanksgiving Feast for the school will be held on November 20. The children all participate in the baking of the side dishes and desserts. If your child has any allergies to food and you would prefer they not eat from the feast, you are welcome to send in a lunch to your child's liking.



MRS. RALLO'S CLASS NEWS

Reading-

Period 1- Students are moving along in the new book they have begun reading in class. It's amazing how well they use the Wilson graphic organizer to retell the story before going on to the next chapter. The students are answering comprehension questions independently and sharing what they visualize. At this time, they are working hard to go back to the text to locate answers and/or detail.

Period 3 reading class is about halfway through the novel. This week they will be writing and sharing summaries before going on to the next few chapters. A quiz will also be given this week to assess their understanding of the story thus far.

Writing-

Period 2 writing class will be learning about narratives. They will watch a short video explaining this type of writing and will learn how to organize their thoughts. Students will then complete the TREE graphic organizer and begin writing about their 4 day weekend. The class will be reviewing capitalization rules and practicing them through a variety of activities.

Period 4 writing class will be learning about simple and complex sentences by first watching an educational video explaining sentence building. Students will then be asked to complete an editing activity where they will apply this new information. One assignment will be to write a two paragraph personal narrative. After reviewing the components of a personal narrative, students will choose the way in which they would like to organize their thoughts prior to beginning the assignment.

Vocabulary-

The students will begin using antonyms this week in class. A Smart Board activity will present a word and students will need to come up with an antonym for that given word. They will be encouraged to use the thesaurus when they are unable to come up with a word that means the opposite. These word pairs will be typed and included in the students' notebooks.

GIRLS GROUP/GUYS GROUP NEWS

The holidays are coming!! We have started to discuss our annual Secret Santa gift exchange! If you would like your child to participate, please return the permission slip to Ms. Gross, Dr. Rick, or Mrs. Miranda!

This is a wonderful opportunity to practice our social thinking strategies... We will help the students brainstorm gift ideas as they think about what they know about the other

Keep on sending in those share and care items!

SPEECH CHALLENGE: Complete and hand in to Ms. Gross to earn a Banyan Buck...

What category do these items belong??

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| • Menus | * Balls | * Stamps | * Pilot |
| Booths | Lanes | Mailboxes | * Flight Attendant |
| Salad Bar | Pins | Envelopes | * Wings |
| Food Server | Gutter | Clerks | * Emergency exit |
| | Snack bar | | |



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

On November 20th we will have our Thanksgiving Feast. If your child has food allergies and cannot eat the food, please send in a suitable meal so that all can enjoy the festivities.
Wishing everyone a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!

