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Class News

**October, 2018**

**Important Dates:**

October 29th : Farewell Mania Tryouts

November 1st : RED Showcase Night

November 2nd : End of 1st MP
November 6th: Election Day : No School

November 8th: Returns Day: No School & Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:30-11:00am November 9th: No School
November 12th: Veterans Day: No School

November 19th: Report Cards Go Home!

November 21-25th: Thanksgiving Break: No School

**4th Grade Math:**

We began our factors, multiples and leftovers unit this week. Students investigated the properties of multiplication. We studied the different properties of numbers. Are they prime or composite? Odd or even? Square or not square? What are their factors? Students learned the rainbow method for finding factors. They also studied the different divisibility rules, which enable them to find factors of a number. We learned the difference between greatest common factor and least common multiple.

**Teacher’s News:**

Both fourth and fifth grade students are given math homework nightly (Monday – Thursday) to reinforce the skills we have been focusing on in class. Students need to bring their math binders home nightly to use as a reference to help them when they are completing their homework. Their math binders contain notes we have taken in class as well as example problems.

I enjoyed meeting with the parents during conferences a few weeks ago. The students did an amazing job leading the conferences and sharing their leadership binder’s and sample pieces with their parents. I plan to meet with the rest of the students and parents during our next round of conferences. If you would like to meet with me at any other time please don’t hesitate to contact me and we can set that up.

**ELA:**

Students are continuing to read their independent novels and discuss them with their small groups each week. They are really enjoying these books and meeting each week in literature circles to discuss them.

We have begun our first Problem Based Learning Project on the generalizations of time we have been studying. Students came up with their “need to knows” and their driving questions which will guide their research throughout the project.

 We have been reviewing the writing process and students have applied this knowledge to create very interesting personal narratives. We have studied parts of speech and various grammar rules. Students are doing a wonderful job applying this knowledge to their writing pieces.

**5th Grade Math:**

Students completed their unit on multiplication and division and have been working on Volume. They applied their knowledge of area and volume to create both a 2D and 3D robot. They are currently studying additive volume and will end their unit with a test on Friday. We will begin fractions next week.