

October 26, 2009

Upcoming Dates

- Friday, October 30th 

High Peaks assembly and Halloween parade in the gym at 1:30 pm! Parents and families are welcome to attend the assembly and watch the Halloween parade.


- Wednesday, November 11th
No School-Teacher Professional Development
- Friday, November 13th
Progress Reports come home.

Writing Corner

We are finishing up our unit on the Writing Community. During the past 5 weeks, the students have begun to see themselves as contributing members of a caring writing community. They have heard and discussed examples of good writing, watched modeled writing, and have written and illustrated stories themselves. The students have learned cooperative structures such as "Turn to Your Partner," as well as other procedures used in the writing community.

During our next writing unit, the students will generate writing ideas from their own lives, and they will tell stories orally in preparation for writing.

Important Information

- **Halloween Costumes:** Students in the first grade are allowed to bring their costume to school and put it on after lunch. This is optional for the students. Please keep accessories to a minimum. No imitation weapons are allowed at school.
- **Class Party:** Both first grade classes will be having a Halloween party after the parade. This party is for **ONLY** for the students due to space constraints. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly and the parade. 
- **Portfolios:** Thank you for coming to parent/teacher conferences last week! I truly enjoyed discussing your child's progress with you. Please remember to send your child's portfolio back to school by the end of this week!



Human Body Update

This week, we will finish up our unit on the human body. We will be talking about taking care of our bodies and vaccinations. We will be learning about two famous scientists, Edward Jenner and Louis Pasteur. Edward Jenner studied how germs spread, which led to vaccinations, and Louis Pasteur developed the process of making milk products safe to drink.

Today we had a special guest speaker! Rob Helgans came to talk to the students about the skeletal system. Ask your child about this special presentation! **Thank you, Dr. Helgans!**

Help your child prepare for our assessment on Friday. Review the 5 systems and what they do:

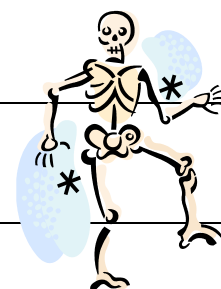
- The skeletal system gives our body shape and protects our organs.
- The muscular system helps us move.
- The digestive system breaks down food and sends nutrients around our bodies.
- The circulatory system pumps blood around our bodies.
- The nervous system controls our body.

Our next unit is Ancient Egypt!



Have a wonderful week! Cheryl

Monday	Today we had a special guest speaker from 8:30-9:15 am. We did not have math today. Please look at page 49 and choose an activity or game to play.	
Tuesday	Math Home Link 3.9	page 67
Wednesday	Math Home Link 3.10	pages 69
Thursday	Math Home Link 3.11	pages 71 and 72
Friday	Catch up on pages you missed this week!	



Math Homework for the week of October 26th - 30th

The math Home Links book and math pages stay at home.
Please remember to have your child check off his/her homework on the homework log.

Spelling and Word Skills Homework:

We do not have regular spelling homework for the remainder of October. We will begin our formal spelling program at the end of October. Spelling journals will start coming home again during November.