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THE WEEKLY LAB

**October 17, 2011**

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***“SNIFFING” THROUGH THE CURRICULUM!***

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* **Reading-** The students are learning about different nonfiction texts and their features. We are learning how nonfiction articles and texts often include a table of contents, subheadings, photographs, captions, and a glossary to aid our reading. Students will practice making predictions and activating their prior knowledge before reading about a nonfiction topic.
* **Math-** Last week students polished up their problem solving skills by solving multi-step, probability, and area and perimeter word problems. This week we will work on algebra concepts such as understanding written expressions, finding missing quantities in IN-OUT boxes, and revisiting the properties. Thank you for your continuous support working with your child on the weekly math contracts.
* **Writing-** Last Friday, our class celebrated our first published pieces. Thanks for those of you who contributed a healthy snack for us to enjoy! The students shared their final copies with their classmates. I have seen amazing growth from their first draft to the final copy. Take a look at your child’s final copy and please return it to school.
* **Science-** We are currently studying the Magnetism and Electricity unit. Students have discovered magnetic properties and concepts such as attract, repel, and temporary magnet. Now that we have begun electricity experiments, students have built circuits with D-cell batteries, light bulbs, motors, and switches. They are loving it!

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**“PAWS” FOR THESE DATES:**

**10/21- Fall Festival**

**10/28- Quarter 1 ends**

**10/31- Halloween/**

**Teacher workday**

**11/4- Quarter 1 report cards**

**P.B.S.**

**Positive Behavior Support**

**NEWS TO “BARK” ABOUT!**

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**Listen & follow directions**

**Act respectfully**

**Behave responsibly**

**Succeed!!**

The students are on their way to 50 bones!!

**Mordecai House-** Students had a great experience during the Mordecai House field trip. Thank you to Mrs. Bullis, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Treiber for joining us!

**Fall Festival-** Thank you for your Halloween donations for our Fall Festival basket. Great thanks to Mrs. Jenny Fike, homeroom coordinator, for collecting these donations and assembling our basket. I can’t wait to see it! Be sure to join in the fun on Friday. Hope to see you there!

**Homework-** Students write their homework assignments and due dates each day in their agenda books. Please make sure you review these assignments with your child daily.

THANKS for helping to make the beginning of the school year run smoothly. I appreciate the classroom supplies you have donated!!

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