**Happy Halloween!**

**Wishing everyone a Safe Halloween!**

**Important Dates:**

 \*October 31 - Happy Halloween (No Costumes, please! Feel free to celebrate by wearing black & orange). We will be having a small Halloween party if you would like to bring in a treat to share. Please ensure that all treats are peanut free.

\*November 6 - Picture Retakes

November 10 - No school \*

November 13 - No school \*

November 16 - Zumba $2 \*

November 20 - Report Cards go home \*

November 23 - December Hot Lunch due / Parent /Teacher Conference \*

November 24 - No School for students

**Picture Retakes**

Picture Retakes will be on Monday, November. Only students who returned the form indicating that picture retake to be done will be able to have retakes.

**Dressing For the Weather**

The weather has been unbelievably warm. The mornings can be cool. Please make sure your child is dressed in layers so that as the day warms up he/she can remove layers.

**Literacy**

I have completed Reading Records with all students. I am amazed at how well everyone read. The areas of concern are Retell and Comprehension. In class we are learning about and practicing doing Retells and answering Comprehension questions.

Students have started bring home, Home Reading Books. Home Reading Books consist of 2 Levelled Books and one novel. The levelled books should be read a couple of times and students should be practicing doing a Retell and answering Comprehension questions. I will send home information regarding how to do a Retell and sample Comprehension Questions. Students will need the support of an adult when doing a retell and answering Comprehension Questions.

Students will be required to do a Book Talk about the novel they are reading at Home. Students will receive information regarding expectations and what to include in a Book Talk. It is expected that students are reading a Novel at Home as part of Home Reading.

**Writing**

We continue to work on Personal Narratives. Students are expected to include a strong beginning sentence/paragraph. Writing pieces should include at least three paragraphs with supporting details and a strong conclusion. This week we will be learning about Word Choice.

**Word Work**

Students will be given 5 new words on Monday. They will be assigned Word Work activities to support leaning how to spell the 5 words. Students will copy the 5 words into their Orange Campfire Notebooks.

**Orange Campfire Notebooks**

Last week students received Orange Campfire Notebooks. The purpose of the Campfire Notebooks is for the student’s to copy reminders about when things are due, special activities, Spelling Words etc. All this information is usually posted on my weekly update but it is easy to forget what was posted. There won’t be information copied every night but please check on a nightly basis. If there is a new entry please sign below the new entry so that I will know you have read it.

**Math**

This week we will continue to work on Number Sense. Number Sense includes; Place Value, using mental math to add, rounding to the nearest thousand, tens of Thousands, greater than, less than, estimating sums.

Adding 3 digit and 4 digit numbers will be introduced/reviewed, estimating differences.

**Science**

This week we will be finishing our Rocks and Minerals. Students will be assessed on their knowledge about what we have learned at the end of the week. We will be reviewing the material we have learned before the assessment.

**Health/Mindfulness**

We will continue to learn about the brain and how to regulate our emotions. Students seem to be enjoying learning about the brain and how it works. Lots of very interesting conversation.

Have a wonderful week! I encourage you to contact me if you have any concerns or questions,

Happy Spooking!

Mary Ann