

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that it is already midway through the trimester. We have been in school for seven weeks. Mid-Tri report card envelopes came home with your child today. Please look over their MAPS results and check their progress in Toddle. Please remove the items in the envelope, sign on the line, and send the envelope back to school.

The St. Luke-a-thon was a huge success! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered. Remember to get your pledges in. Here is the link to donate. We are looking for 100% participation. No donation is too small.

It's a big week in writer's workshop. Students have chosen their "seed" idea to develop and grow into their first published personal narrative. We will be taking this piece of writing through the entire writing process. We rehearsed our stories with partners this week and recorded them into Toddle. Ask your child to tell their story like a storyteller. This is another chance to rehearse and think of more details they may have forgotten. It will be fun to look back when these are finished and see all the growth in their writing skills.

This week, the children received their copy of "The Case of the Gasping Garbage" by Michelle Torry. This great mystery book solves a different mystery with every two chapters. The children will begin working on a comprehension strategy to help them organize their thoughts and give complete answers citing evidence. We will examine character traits and other reading skills as we solve the mysteries.

Next week, we will learn about flowers: what they do for the plant, how they work, and more. Through our inquiry, we will solve the mystery, "Why do plants grow flowers?" (It's to attract pollinators!) What great timing for a classroom visit from an actual working hive. Julia Bowman will be here Monday to visit both classrooms between 10:30 and 12:00 (two 45-minute sessions). Anyone is welcome to attend.

You can help reinforce this week's learning by asking your child to find a flower in the house, yard, or neighborhood. Ask your child, "What must happen for this plant to grow seeds?"

Important Dates ~ Mark Your Calendars

10/23-27 - Spirit Week (flier attached)

10/27 - Free dress Friday

10/28 - Chili Cook-off and Bake Sale (6:00 pm)

10/31 - Happy Halloween - Trunk-or-Treat! (tentative time 1:10)

Classroom Halloween Party 10:30-11:30

11/1 - All Saints Day - All School Mass (9:30 am)

11/2 - Picture retakes. and class pictures

11/9 - Veterans Day Assembly

11/10 - No School - Veterans Day

Have a wonderful weekend,
Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith

