

OCTOBER



*Our character trait for the month is **Respect**. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Be accepting of others and show kindness and consideration.*

Congratulations to September excellence assembly winners:

Saham – Student Success

Jocelyn – School Leadership

Macy – Snowbird Citizenship

October learning

Language

We have begun our Star Student of the Week presentations. The star student of the week is to prepare an oral presentation that is entirely reflective of the wonderful person they are and the events that helped to shape them. Their presentation will be supported by visual aids, such as photographs. The star student will be given their learning goal and success criteria checklist to follow as they prepare their presentation.

Writers notebooks are off to a great start. Students will continue to add to their interactive writers notebooks and focus on the fundamentals of writing (sentence fluency, punctuation, grammar, proofreading, spelling familiar words, etc.). With the use of their writers notebook as a guide, students will write a three paragraph descriptive piece about what they are thankful for. They will develop and organize their ideas before they begin writing. We will also be writing reviews about books that we have read together in class using our classroom tablets.

Students will be focusing on reading comprehension strategies as we read together and as they read independently. Students have created a parking lot in the back of their daily five binders, where they will park their strategies (written on a post-it note) they have used during reading. Students will also answer questions posed on our classroom Kidblog that correlate with the comprehension strategies we are focusing on.

***How can you help?** Encourage your child to participate in reading every night for a minimum of 20 minutes. Your child should read something they are interested in that is at their level of reading. Students now have a Raz-Kids account, where they can access many different “just right” books. They should also be answering the quiz to check their understanding of the text.*

Math

In October we will be looking at Patterns. Students will be describing, extending, and creating a variety of numeric and geometric patterns. They will also make predictions related to the patterns. Students will be adding to their interactive math journals, which will be a study guide for them with visual representations of everything that we have covered on patterning.

***How can you help?** Build positive attitudes about math, as children who feel positively engaged are more likely to stick with an activity. Encourage your child to take part in every day activities that involve mathematics (making purchases, measuring ingredients, counting, measuring and calculating the area of a room). Encourage your child to talk about math. When you and your child are trying to solve a problem, have your child share his or her thinking aloud and talk about the strategies that he or she used to reach a solution. Play math games at home with your child.*

Science and Social Studies

Mr. Sallie will be covering science and social studies. Students will go to his room (213).

Important dates for October:

Oct. 2 7/8s to Lakeridge leadership trip

Oct. 3 Cross Country Meet at Lakeridge

Oct. 8 Picture Day and Pita Day

Oct. 13 Thanksgiving

Oct. 17 Forest of Reading Kickoff

Oct. 22 Pizza Day

Oct. 23 HEP B 7/8s SCC Meeting, 6:30pm

Oct. 24 Flag football and FDKs to Knox Pumpkin Farm

Oct. 27 Municipal Elections (gym closed).

Oct. 30 Excellence Assembly, grade 8s

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me!

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