

Leo's Family Newsletter

Thursday, October 25th 2018 Ed. #5



Announcements

- Home Folder Check: Nothing sent home today!
- Remember there is no school Monday, October 29th. This is a grading day for teachers.
- I sent home new scholastic order pages. These are due by November 16th. You can order online with our code.
- I was out sick last week- so sometimes I will miss newsletters as things come up.
- Chris Raak (parent of Ollie) is coaching 5th grade girls (and nonbinary : D) basketball. They will practice Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7:30pm in our Sunnyside gym starting November 13, and will have a great season of exercise, learning and teamwork. " Click [HERE](#) to register your student for this basketball team.
- Friday is the end of first quarter. Instead of report cards, you will receive a progress report at our conferences as well as other information that I will give you.
- CONFERENCES! Technically, **conferences are Monday 11/19 and Tuesday 11/20** . Margaret, our room parent, and I will put together a survey that will include time sign ups. I am trying to hold quite a few conferences after school before the official times. *Your child should attend the conference.*

Honoring Aimee



*A loving wise queen.
April 2006 - October 2018*

Good To Know: Aimee

I had to leave school suddenly on Tuesday afternoon because Aimee, my cat/witch/family member, went from not well to dying. I rushed over to the vet and we had to put her down within 10 minutes. I am heartbroken and in the grieving process, as Aimee was the lone creature with me through a lot of the past 6 years. Kiddos respond to grief and loss in different ways, so please check in with your child. We have started a grief altar to honor Aimee, and also for any pets, people, situations, etc. they would like to hold space for. Students know that they can bring in pictures, trinkets, etc. to represent their grief. They are also able to write notes to creatures or people that I will deliver to their spirits.

What We're Learning

Reader's Workshop: I have finally finished conferencing with our whole class in order to make reading goals for this year. Check in with your student about what their goal is! We are finishing up character analysis using our own read to self books and our read aloud, Ugly. As we finish up Ugly, we will chart story plot together and discuss how to find the theme of a story.

Math: Both grades of students have worked together to review the area model for multiplication, which uses decomposing based on place value. We also reviewed and learned how to find factors using factor trees as a whole class. My fifths are multiplying and dividing three digit numbers by/with two digit numbers. My fourths are working on multiplying two digit numbers by single digit numbers. Today I reviewed our unit with 5ths, and I will review with 4ths all math on Friday while 5ths garden. Next week we'll have Halloween math and take our first post-assessment.

Writer's Workshop: We have been trickling in our final published fictional narratives. For 5ths, this week they had their first homework only writing assignment due (this Friday), which was a book report. I am working with all students to talk about what makes a paragraph. We will then apply this to writing an opinion paragraph based on either the 27 U.S. Amendments and/or the preamble to the constitution.

Social Studies/Science:

Every student has a character in our government story. On Monday, we created character profiles by thinking about things like our family, hobbies, and political things we want to change. Just before I had to leave on Tuesday, students took an age appropriate quiz that helped them be sorted into democratic, republican, or independent parties. We talked about how having a two-party system is a false binary and does not give a full picture of voters and beliefs, similar to the false gender binary : D We will dive into minority parties and look at specific voting issues as the election gets closer. We have a handy resource of a voters guide that is kid friendly, so that we can look at some of the issues like the government race and measure 105.

Identity Learning:

Reviewing All 8 Identity Piece Definitions & ID Pre-Assessment

Handy Resources



Classroom Website:

leoslearners.weebly.com/

Freckle

(Math & ELA)

*Great for math homework!

www.freckle.com

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