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**Writing:**  Students have been writing creative stories based on familiar plots from books we have read. Students have also been working on comma placement and using quotation marks around dialogue.

**Reading/Skills:** Students have been reading biographies and comparing and contrasting. Students should continue reading aloud at home to increase fluency and reading speed. It is beneficial for students to talk about what they read.

**Math:** Students have completed module 1 of our new math curriculum. This challenging module focused on multiplication and division, and specifically interpreting the meaning of an answer to a word problem. Students used arrays and tape diagrams (which are simply labeled arrays) to represent multiplication and division problems. It is extremely important for students to read carefully when doing math in this new program!

**Social Studies:** The students have completed a unit on justice (civics). The class did an excellent job discussing different types of problems of justice.

**Science:** We are currently exploring states of matter (solid, liquid and gas). Look for information about Edison’s science fair soon.

Websites:

Please encourage your student to use Spellingcity.com every week! Lists with assignments are available from Saturday until the following Sunday. Students may take a spelling test (Spelling Test Me) on the website and know their results immediately. Please also encourage your student to use typing.com every week. It is very important students practice keyboarding with all 8 fingers on the keyboard, as often as possible, so this skill becomes more natural.

PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Wed. Nov. 4 and Thur. Nov. 5 after school and in the evening – look for a sign up sheet in the Thursday folder today!

# What We’ve Been Busy Doing:

The fall festival is coming up on Friday, Oct. 23, from 3:45-6:00 p.m. I will have a ring toss game, estimation station, and a fish out of water game. Proceeds will benefit our class. I will need parent volunteers to help set up, run games, run the prize table, and clean up. I can also use responsible student volunteers to help with games. Please return the volunteer form if you or your student are interested in helping out.

For the Estimation Station, we will need plastic jars with screw-on lids that are filled with fun things kids would like to win (such as candy). Please count the contents and attach a note with the quantity. You may send these to school with your student if you wish to donate them—please conceal the answer before sending the jar and note to school (fold the note or put it in an envelope). Thank you!

# SUPPLY NEEDS:

Our new math curriculum is requiring MUCH more copy paper than we realized we would need. Please donate additional reams of copy paper if you are able to do so. This will be much appreciated!

# FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS:

Ms.Mathews’s Classroom News

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