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**Writing:**  We have started reading different versions of a Leo Tolstoy story—The Gigantic Turnip—and retelling them using the Writing Alive story planner. Students have planned and drafted stories similar to this and other stories.

**Reading/Skills:** Students have completed STAR reading and Aimsweb testing, and they are reading independently and take AR quizzes. All students also meet with guided reading groups to read challenging texts. Students need to remember to read aloud at home to increase fluency and reading speed. Students should not take AR quizzes until they are sure they know the book well.

**Math:** Students have been working on multiplication and division word problems. Students have started using Math Facts in a Flash and they are welcome to work on this and IXL (at 3rd grade level) at home. The PTA has funded this subscription for all students in grades 3-5. Students should work at grade level, unless instructed otherwise by an Edison teacher.

**Social Studies:** Students are learning about justice. Students will have a bullyproofing lesson with Ms. Tomcho on Oct. 2. Students have also started looking for things to appreciate about each other during our “Sincere Recognitions” time in class.

**Science:** Students will begin studying life cycles, particularly of insects, next week.

Please donate clear plastic containers (jars with lids) of COUNTED items for the ESITMATION STATION. Please include the number of items in the jar on a sticky note stuck to the lid or in an e-mail to me. These items will be used for our classroom fundraiser at the Fall Festival. Jars can include candy, Halloween toys, marshmallows, M&Ms. Skittles—anything students would like to win!

Please send these jars to class on Thursday, Oct. 19 or Fri. Oct. 20.

The fall festival is from 3:45-6:00 p.m. on Fri. Oct. 20.

Tickets spent at the ESTIMATION STATION or Denver Broncos bottle toss game will benefit Ms. Mathews’s classroom account.

# Announcements:

Please create a predictable routine for homework, with a special place and time set aside for homework. This will help your student develop good study habits that will support him or her throughout his or her school years!

# FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS:

# What We’ve Been Busy Doing:

Ms.Mathews’s Classroom News

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banner with apples and crayons