

# Eureka Class Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Mrs. Driskill and Mr. G Room 8 Friday, September 30, 2011

## Important Dates

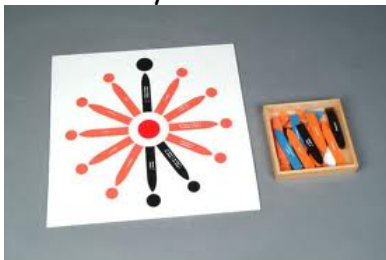
Coloma (\$20) and Mission Springs (\$30) past due (September 1<sup>st</sup>)—Info passed out at the beginning of the year meet-n-greet. Please let me know if you have any questions.

## Curriculum Highlight

### Sentence Analysis

All students have been working on Montessori style sentence diagramming. They create sentences and define each part of the sentence.

This material provides imagery for a concept that's usually abstract.



## Next Week's Homework

Wordly Wise Lesson 7  
(Due Friday)

Daily Accelerated Math  
(Due Daily)

Read 30 minutes per night  
(Due Friday) and record in  
student planner

Have parents initial work plan  
(Due Tuesday)

Dear Families,

**Communication:** Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss your child. I prefer in-person communication but I know that's not always possible. Email is a good way to send quick messages to me. However, I usually do not check it during the school day. I do check it every day, but usually after school and again in the evening. So if it's a time-sensitive subject, please feel free to stop by or call.

**Accelerated Math Home Connect:** Be sure to use the Accelerated Math Home Connect option. Directions are posted on our class website.

**Student Planner Clarification:** The purpose of the student planner is to record homework assignments including reading minutes, personal activities, and special school events. This is to help the students with time management skills. We discuss the use of the planners in class on a regular basis and how students are responsible for filling it out every week. Some students were confused because they used it differently last year. We think we've clarified the expected use now. Let us know if you have any questions.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Thank you to those of you who signed up for a conference. If the times don't work for you, please let me know and we can come up with another convenient time. The fall conferences are reserved for parents and teachers while the spring conferences include students. We look forward to meeting with all parents.

**Thank You:** Special thank you to Ms. Rita for helping out in the classroom on Tuesdays. Also, thank you to all the parents who helped to cut materials. Now, I'm going to laminate them all; then I'll be recruiting for help again.

**Healthy Snacks:** Students need to be sure to pack healthy snacks for their morning munchies. We look forward to developing a healthy community snack schedule for Fridays in the near future.

**Communication:** We send home daily communication folders for you to send us notes or forms. However, feel free to email us, call us, or catch us at car line. Face-to-face contact is always preferred, so we're also available to meet with you before or after school.

~Mrs. Driskill and Mr. G