



Sapphire Newsletter

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Dear Sapphire Families:

October is the first month of starting our continent studies. We have begun studying Antarctica in preparation for our Continent Party (in lieu of Halloween), which will take place on Oct. 31st. It will be an all day event, so finish getting your parent requirements done and join us (livescan, TB, 7 Habits). More information will come as we get closer. If you have the movie, "March of the Penguins", would you mind loaning it to us (for rainy days and extension).

ANNOUNCEMENT:

We will be switching gears and transforming our students into orca whales (or killer whales) as polar bears reside in the Arctic Circle. Thank you for your ideas and efforts. We will be looking for donations of:

- 22 black (13 gal or larger) garbage bags
- 4 yards of any black fabric (Joann's-40% coupon in Sunday paper)
- Borrow white flat sheets to hang along the walls (7-8, depending on size). Please let us know if you can loan us any. We will contact you to let you know what day we need them.
- 2-3 cleared Parent Volunteers to help transform the classroom on the afternoon of October 27th, a Thursday)

CURRICULUM

Students have been busy in the classroom as they get accustomed to working in specific areas of the classroom. Currently, it is on an "honor" system as they practice independence and responsibility. We are also encouraging students to work quietly and focus on their job at hand. We want the students to be sure they are doing quality work and concentrating for the duration of a work cycle.

In continuing with the study of time, you can support your student's learning by discussing specific activities or events that s/he may engage in during the course of a day. For example, at 7:00, at 11:00 we get ready for lunch, at 2:00, at 6:00 we eat dinner, etc. This will support their awareness of time as it relates to each day. They will be spending some time working on this concept in Math.

If you have access to a computer, please spend some time acquainting your child with the Rosetta Stone program. Your child will be successful in the classroom by being able to independently log on and off the program, as teachers are engaged in lessons or assisting students with their jobs.

Our afternoon cultural lessons will focus on the following:

- Thurs: Leaf Art/free choice cultural
- Fri: Music/free art
- Mon: Daily Timeline (continued)
- Tue: Antarctica Continent Map (part II)
- Wed: 11:45 dismissal - conferences

We are in need of:

-9 in paper plates

-blue, black washable stamp pads

We can be reached at jbullock@cacmp.org or (916) 714-9699 and leave a message.

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KUDOS

A special thank you to Yolanda and Kim for their fantastic efforts in organizing, creating, motivating, and putting together the “Arts n Craft” baskets for the Walk-a-thon. Their efforts were greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to the parents who donated supplies and money toward the creation of such artsy baskets! Thank you also to Jaime for organizing our game booth. It was so enticing with all those bright colors. It drew students of all ages to play the game. We thank all who were able to come and all who volunteered their time to help with the event. It was a great success!! Our students walked as many as 59 laps!!!! Our class totals will be totaled. Great job!! Your pledge envelopes will be sent home in the next week to collect any outstanding pledges that may be due. Thank you all for your efforts in making this fundraiser such a success!

Reminders

CHECK THE CALENDAR

OCT 6 5-6PM

OCT 12-14 11:45

PARENT CONFERENCES

OCT. 17-21

OCT 19

OCT 24

ME MUSEUM CONTINUES

7 HABITS TRAINING

DISMISSAL

(PROGRESS REPORTS)

RED RIBBON WEEK

SCHOOL PICTURES

BOOK ORDERS DUE!

FYI: please help your student check their student **files (next to the door) for completed work to take home.** Work in their “white” cubbies has yet to be finished (with the exception of map jobs, as they are too large to put into the student files).

If you haven’t heard already, our campus students voted for a new mascot and we will now be the Elk Grove Lions!! Check out our new Spirit Wear @cafepress.com/cmpgear!



Your Sapphire Team,
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