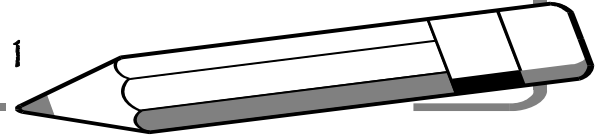


Birch News

November 7 - 11, 2011



A Note From the Teachers

Time is flying by so quickly! This week, our 5ths will be going to the Tall Ships Field Trip on Thursday and Friday is a "no school day"! Although we have a short week, we will have plenty of time to get in some quality independent work.

We have started our Fairy Tale Unit and seeing *Beauty and the Beast* was a fabulous opportunity to kick off the unit. We have had mini lessons on creating meaningful dialogue and plot development. This week we will be discussing character development. The Fairy Tale will be due at the end of our unit and the assignment guidelines are posted to our website. Next week, the rough draft of the Fairy Tale will be due.

Our "Just So" stories have been fun to write and present. We really have been focusing on presenting projects and opportunities that can be completed across all 3 grade levels. They have enjoyed the chance to work with their classmates from other grade levels.

— Ms. Armanino and Ms. Yeager

Dates to Remember



11/10 Tall Ships 5th grade field trip:
Fig and Birch Classes

11/11 No School - Veterans' Day Holiday

11/18 Minimum Day - Teacher Inservice
11:45 release time

11/21-25 No School - Thanksgiving
Break

12/2 Spirit Day - Dress for a Career

Special Person

This week: Malia

Next week: Jan

Homework and Assignments

- Spelling Chapter 10
- Four pages of Key To math book (4th/5th)
- Nightly math homework for 6th graders
- Biography book report due Friday 12/2