



Fig Class News

September 12th – 16th, 2011



Fig students have been working hard and are doing an outstanding job learning the routines of the classroom. For many students, the responsibility of correcting their own work before a teacher corrects it has been a challenge. We have had thoughtful discussions about the importance of honesty and integrity, and the difference between quality and quantity of work.

Students are excited to be spending up to 25 minutes per day on Rosetta Stone and other computer-based activities. This week we will be learning how to access the information and resources available on the CMP web page – have your child show you what they learn!

Homework Reminder: Please review and initial your child's homework before returning it to class.

Highlights of this week's lessons:

LANGUAGE: Concrete and abstract nouns.

GEOMETRY: Parts of a triangle.

MATH: We will be expanding upon last week's lessons on double-digit multiplication with various Montessori materials. Students will also be reviewing place value of whole numbers and decimals.

CULTURAL: During rotations with Mrs. Sanders, fourth graders will begin their research on a specific California Native American tribe and fifth graders will begin their research on a specific explorer. Students will be learning report writing techniques and strategies with Mr. Anschutz. We have also had great participation and insightful discussions during our literature circle rotation.

-- Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Tattersall

September Book Report: Newbery Award Winners
Oral presentations are the week of September 26th.

Dates to Remember

9/13 Picture Day for Fig

9/23 Minimum Day
(release time 11:45am)

9/23 Field Trip Deposit Due
(\$25 non-refundable deposit)

**9/23 Newbery Book Report
Written Preparation Due**

**9/30 Completed Chaperone
Interest forms due** (with all
requirements up to date)

**Check out the CMP Newsletter and
monthly calendar for more details!**

Volunteers Needed:

*Mornings to Sanitize Tables

*Fridays any time between 9 & 11 to
help with Spelling & Homework Packets

Homework

(Due Friday, Sept. 16th)

- ✱ **4 pages of Math "Key to"**
- ✱ **Spelling Lesson 2 (all)**

Special Person

This week's Special Person is fifth grader Joseph. Joseph is new to CMP, and enjoys Rosetta Stone and Montessori Math. He plays soccer and enjoys hanging out with his grandmother and uncle. Welcome! Next week's special person is Cole.