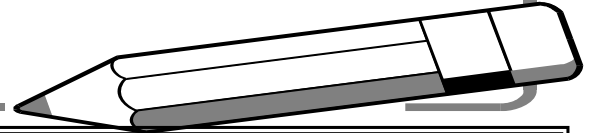


# Laurel News

October 17, 2011



## A Note from the Teachers:

**Last week in Laurel:** Students have been working hard creating some great artwork for our Continent Party. They have studied many of the features of Africa. There is also a lot of research going on by kids after they finish their daily work. It is great to see such independent work. Students are continuing to do lots of multiplication jobs. The bead frames are really interesting and take a lot of focus! In Language Arts, we're continuing with homonyms: two words that are spelled exactly alike and sounds alike but mean different things...that's what makes English so fun!

**Kids Night Out:** We will be hosting our Halloween Kids Night Out again. This is a popular event and we'll be looking for a lot of parent volunteers. Let us know if you can help.

**World Fair:** Our World Fair is on October 17 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. We look forward to all the student projects and transforming our classroom into an African themed experience! We will be celebrating the food from our countries! If you are inspired to provide food from your country, please do.

**Cultural:** In cultural this week, students worked on their holiday performance, made African masks, studied the Clock of Eras in history, and learned about the rotation of the earth in geography.

**Field Trips:** Our in-school field trip was very inspiring to the kids. They loved learning about endangered species as well as the dot painting technique. Coming up, we have our Taylor Creek Field Trip on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and "Beauty and the Beast" coming on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Ms. Witwer and Mr. Tom*

## Dates to Remember

10/17	World Fair, 5:00-7:00
10/19	Laurel Pancake Breakfast
10/20	Taylor Creek Field Trip
10/25	No School-Teacher Observation Club M Open
10/28	Kids Night Out-Laurel sponsored
11/3	"Beauty and the Beast" field trip*
11/18	2/3 Holiday Performance Minimum Day
11/21-11/25	No School

\* We'll be holding a lottery for chaperones on this field trip.

### **New Feature-"Words From the Special Person"**

**From Jordan F:** "Laurel is a great classroom. We have very hardworking students and the best teachers on campus. Everybody learns a lot every day. Laurel is so awesome that it shakes. It rocks! Ms. Witwer and Mr. Tom work very hard every day, and we have great parent volunteers to help. Our field trip was great. We got to meet an artist/poet. She told us how she wrote her first book, and about how she started painting with dots. After that, we got to try painting with dots. Don't forget to turn in your permission slips for our field trip to Lake Tahoe! I love being in Laurel!"

Coming up:

10/17/11	Logan
10/24/11	Sadie
10/31/11	Samantha
11/7/11	Sarah

## Homework and Assignments:

**Spelling: Lesson 6**

**Please read for 20 minutes a night**

**Conceptual Math: In purple folders**

**Math Facts: 3 minutes/night**

