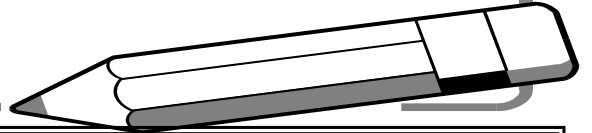


Laurel News

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A Note from the Teachers:

Last week in Laurel: In Language, we focused again on apostrophes, this time for singular possessive. Students vowed that they will never use an apostrophe for forming a plural. Ask them what will happen if they do. Many students practiced the friendly letter format with a letter to a certain man in a red suit. In math, we studied time and money (two things we wish we had more of).

Students focused on the AM/PM aspect of time. Book Reports: As usual, the book reports were really fun and entertaining. We are proud of the rehearsing that the students did. Also, hearing the morals to all of those stories was a great way to learn some of life's lessons.

Field Trip: Thank you so much for the parent support on Thursday. The air and space museum was interesting and educational and had the best play structure ever. Our time at the lower American River was full of discovery and exploration. Who got the muddiest?

Secret Pal: Our secret pal gift exchange will be this week, 12/12-12/16.

Holidays: This week we studied Las Posadas (thank you Heather Freer for making sopapillas), Winter Solstice, and Christmas. It is great to learn about how different people celebrate.

Ms. Witwer and Mr. Tom

Dates to Remember

12/12/11	Secret Person Week
12/12	Friendly Letter
12/13	Piece of Art
12/14	Yummy Snack
12/15	\$1.00 or handmade gift
12/16	\$5.00 gift
12/16/11	Minimum Day

Our special person this week was Wyatt. We loved seeing his timeline! We saw him holding a python, riding a horse, and being with family. Wyatt has a lego collection for the ages. Thank you very much for sharing, Wyatt!

Coming up:

12/12/11 Zach

Rosetta Stone: We love seeing students on Rosetta Stone here, which they are all doing every week. We are also going to have a Rosetta Stone Challenge over winter break. We are challenging each student to do $\frac{1}{2}$ hour each week like we do here. That will be a total of 1.5 hours per student over break. What an awesome way to fill those days when kids are looking for something to do!!

Homework and Assignments

This week's homework is bringing wonderful things for your Secret Pal and keeping it a secret until Friday!

Student work:

From Madeline:

“My least favorite character was Gaston. He seemed like a very mean and selfish person and he almost killed the beast. I almost cried. The person who played him was very good at the role. Another reason I didn’t like him was because he kept hitting, slapping, and kicking his helper. I think he needs to learn to be nicer. He wore a yellow shirt with black pants, a belt, and a knife. For some reason he was very popular in the town that he lived in. In all, he was a very interesting character.