

# Maple Class News

August 31, 2011

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## **Student News** by Madeline

This week we started using planners for our daily jobs. Fifth graders started cultural rotations and sixth graders go to the Birch class in the afternoon. Cordaellia says that her favorite activity this week was P.E. with Mrs. Thomas. "My favorite activity was the sequencing game (done in Birch)", says Bryson.

## **Special Person—Ben**

Ben is a 5th grade boy who likes to play football and loves computers. His birthday is on the 31st.

## **Maple Attendance**

The Maple students talked about goal setting and set several academic goals for themselves to strive for throughout the school year. As a class, we decided to work on attendance as well. The students are focusing on tardies this month. They decided that all students without tardies during the month of September (with the exception of one excused tardy) will attend a movie and snacks event after school the first week of October. This will occur in the Maple class and we will send out more details towards the end of the month. Thanks in advance for your support in helping your student to arrive at school on time.



## **Special Person—Camille**

Camille is a 5th grade girl. She has one brother, a dog, and a cat. She loves arts and crafts and her favorite subject in school is art. Camille loves to play softball.

**September Book Report Genre—Newbery Award Winners**  
**Oral presentations are the week of September 26th**

*"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed."*

*Maria Montessori*

The Maple classroom had a very productive first full week of school. If you walked into the classroom at any time during the day, you would have seen students working on math, language, reading, writing, literature, geometry and more. It's been amazing how quickly they got back into a routine! On Friday, they showed their very creative Power Point presentations. The technology assignment was an extension of a writing lesson last week about an exaggerated summer vacation.

Fifth graders learned the key terms in the Six Plus One Writing Traits program from Mr. Anschutz, received their literature books from Mrs. Tattersall, created an amazing art piece with Mrs. Placek, and practiced math facts with Mrs. DeVille.

During cultural rotations last week, sixth graders participated in a variety of team building activities and focused on literature.

Homework will be sent home this Friday. Fifth graders will receive a Spelling book as well as a "Key to" math book. Sixth graders will receive their Spelling book only. Math will be assigned daily starting Tuesday, September 6th and will be due the following day.

It's Crazy Hair day this Friday! Students are encouraged to be creative with their "locks". If they are opting to color their hair, please be sure that it is washable (and will be back to its original shade the following Monday).

## Respect

### August Character Education



The Maple students have started the school year off by generating classroom rules and guidelines. Being Respectful is very important to children at this age. They want to be respected and in turn are learning to take another's perspective to identify what they need to do to be respectful.

### Dates to Remember

Aug 31	Maria Montessori's Birthday
Aug 31	Technology Night 6:00 to 7:30
Sept 1	Assembly: Responsibility
Sept 2	Spirit Day—Crazy Hair
Sept 2	Homework goes home
Sept 5	No School—Labor Day
Sept 6	Sports Physical Night
Sept 7	7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers Training
Sept 9	Homework Due

Please remember to also review the campus newsletter and monthly calendar for more details.

***“Respect all the reasonable forms of activity in which the child engages and try to understand them.”***

***Maria Montessori***