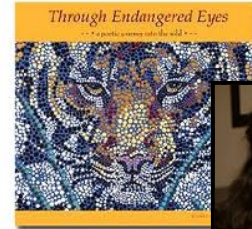


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The Willow Class

Mrs. Boley and Mrs. McDaniel



A Note From the Teachers:

It's conference time again! Believe it or not, one quarter of the year is over and it's time to review students' successes, challenges, and goals for the coming months.

If you have not signed up for a conference time already, please do so right away!

In conjunction with conferences, you will notice that this week's work planner looks different. In fact we are going to have the 12th, 13th, and 14th be subject immersion days. Each day will be focused on Math, Language, or Geometry only. We find that half days are more fun if we shake things up a bit, and easier to sign off if we only have one book to focus on. The same amount of

work is expected, but it is centered on one area of study.

We will have a fabulous Art workshop with author Rachel Dillon. Not only will she be teaching our 2/3 students her Dot Art technique, but she will also have copies of her book for sale at only \$14! We are really looking forward to this unique experience.

Last week we went over the following concepts in class:

- **Math:** Static Subtraction (2), Decanomial (3)
- **Language:** Adverb Key Experience (2)
- **Writers' Workshop:** Character Development- The Protagonist (3)



Calendar

At-A-Glance:

- 10/12-10/14 Parent Teacher Conferences (Minimum Days)
- 10/13-Assembly (Self Discipline sponsored by Sequoia)
- 10/14-Spirit Day (Theme: Wear Red for Drug Free Awareness Week)
- 10/17-Continent Party from 5pm-7pm

Here are some upcoming Field Trip dates:

- **Kokanee Salmon/Taylor Creek Excursion 10/20**
- Beauty and the Beast Play 11/03
- In-House Art Workshop: Author/ Illustrator of Through Endangered Eyes 10/13-10/14
- In House Art Workshop: Crocker Art-to-Go 1/20

Cultural Rotations

Art: Continent Specific Art Study

Botany: Leaf Venation

Geography: Rotation of the Earth and Its Consequences (ex. Seasons)

History: Six Impressionistic Charts (cont.)

Performing Arts: Play Practice

Zoology: Life Cycle of the Kokanee Salmon

Upcoming Special People

- Payton 10/17
- Sophie 10/24
- Evan 10/31
- Sam 11/07

No Homework This Week

Please turn in Field Trip permission slips!!!!

Special Person:

Johnny Applesseed

Johnny Applesseed was a legendary American who planted and supplied apple trees to much of the United States of America. Many people think that Johnny Applesseed was a fictional character, but he was a real person. Johnny was a skilled nurseryman who grew trees and supplied apple seeds to the pioneers in the mid-western USA. Applesseed gave away and sold many trees. He owned many tree nurseries in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana, where he grew his beloved apple trees and then sold or traded them. Although he was successful with his trees, Applesseed lived a simple life. He was a vegetarian, wore raggedy clothes, and was a very religious man. Adapted from www.enchantedlearning.com

