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# TheWillow Class

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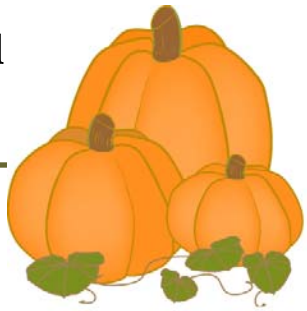

*Calendar At-A-Glance:*

- 11/08 School Wide Assembly (Character Trait- Honesty
- 11/11 School Closed in Observance of Veterans' Day
- 11/14 Fairy Tale Book Report is Issued
- 11/18 2/3 Thanks-giving Performance
- 11/18 Staff Development- Minimum Day 12:00pm Pick Up
- 11/21-11/25 Fall Break

Here are some upcoming Field Trip dates:

- 2/3 Museum Field Trip TBA
- In House Art Workshop: Crocker Art-to-Go 1/20

## Upcoming Special People

- **Romeo 11/14**
- **Nicolas 11/28**
- **Analeis 12/05**
- **Aileen 12/12**

# A Note From the Teachers:

Thank you to all of the volunteers and participants who helped with our Willow Fine Arts Spa Fundraiser! A shout-out goes to Tammy Bruscino and Mesja Weinberger for execution and publicity of our event. Also, we want to give appreciations to Fine Arts Salon and Spa, Jordan's Closet, and Craft Castle for helping to make this a memorable fundraiser. We will announce the official dollar amount that was raised in next week's newsletter.

**Gobble, Gobble, Gobble…**

Our annual Thanksgiving Performance is coming soon! Save the date for Friday, November 18th at 10:00 am. Each student will be dressing up in colors and/or costumes related to the performance per Ms. Witwer's instruction sheet. We will perform at the church across the street and request that families wait outside until the doors open to allow ample rehearsal time.

**NANOWRIMO!! What is it?!**

National Novel Writing Month, or NANOWRIMO, occurs every November so that adults and children of all ages can realize the author inside through small achievable goals that span over a month. Each student will be working on her/his own novel using skills learned prior to and along the way in Writers' Workshop. Each student will also have a personal word count goal of 200, 400, or 600 words. Go to www.nanowrimo.org to get more information on this awesome activity.

**Here's a look at the subjects that we focused on last week:**

**Writers' Workshop:** Character Development-The Antagonist (2nd), Novel Writing (NANOWRIMO) (3rd), Thank You Letters (all). Students were so enthralled with writing that we postponed two other lessons until this week.

## Homework

- **Spelling:** Lesson 9
- **Math:** One row on each side of the sheet per night
- **Math Facts Practice:** See latest math facts test to know what to practice
- **Read each night for 20 minutes. Historical Fiction book report is due Thursday, Nov. 10th.**
- **Practical Life:** Talk with your parent about our current Writer's Workshop activity: NANOWRIMO

## Special Person: Sam

- Favorite Food: Tacos
- Favorite Plant: Strawberry Plant
- Hero: Spiderman
- Something interesting about me: I get to ride my go cart!

## Cultural Rotations

- **Art: Play Related Costumes and Props**
- **Botany: Tree Study**
- **Geography: Seasons (cont.)**
- **History: Fabulous Fossils**
- **VAPA: Play Practice**
- **Zoology: TBD**