



Dr. Sally K. Ride Elementary School

Fall Newsletter



Upcoming Information



- 10/2 - Early Release Day
- 10/9 - Interims sent home
- 10/14 - Field Trip—Agricultural Farm Park
- 10/16 - No school-State Teacher's Conference
- 10/30—Halloween Party and Parade
End of first marking period
- 11/2—Professional Day—No School 11/2 No school-Election Day
- 11/11/and 11//12 - Early Release Days- Parent Teacher Conferences (I will contact you about the date and time)
- 11/11 Report Cards go home
- 11/25- Early Release
- 11/26 and 11/27- Thanksgiving holiday

Writing



We have completed our personal narrative paragraphs.

We will continue to write narrative paragraphs focusing on organization of ideas and use of new vocabulary words.

Halloween



A school wide parade will be in the afternoon of October 30, followed by class parties. Students will receive information about our class party in mid-October.

Students who don't wish to participate will have an alternate activity in the media center.

Reading

Our class is divided into two reading groups. One group is reading fables, and working on decoding strategies. The other group is reading a fantasy book. All students are working on comprehension skills which are demonstrated through oral and written responses.

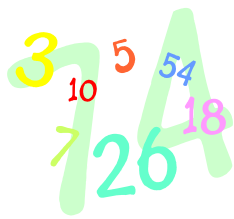
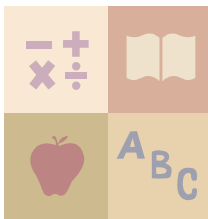
Your child should read for 15 minutes each night. Each student has a reading log which should be handed in on Friday's.

Math

3rd/4th Grade: We have been working on place value, ordering numbers, addition, subtraction, rounding and estimating. The next topic is classifying and presenting data.

Fifth Grade: We have been working with number theory, which includes divisibility rules, factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers. Our next topic will be algebraic patterns and functions.

Please have your child continue to study the multiplication and division facts daily!



Social Studies

Fourth Grade: Geography We identified and defined various Natural Features. Students are currently completing an illustrated booklet of natural features. Next the students will identify the countries of North America, and the eastern states of the U.S. We will then focus on Maryland and its natural and man-made features.

Fifth Grade: Students began with the study of decision making and compromise. They then learned about the three branches of our government and the functions of each.

The next unit will focus on the events that led to the Revolutionary War.



Science

Fourth Grade: Environmental Science — Students will continue to observe and work with the model ecosystems they have constructed from the soda bottles. They will investigate the natural or human-made factors that can disrupt a stable environment and consider how human decisions and actions can be both beneficial and harmful to the environment.

Fifth Grade: Physical Science — During the next quarter students will study the force of Magnetism and how it can be used to operate a motor.

End Notes: Please check your child's binder every night to make sure s/he is completing the homework. Writing notes on the assignment pages in the binder is a good way for us to communicate. Thursday folders contain graded work and other important information. Please initial and return the folder on Friday.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our class open house on Oct. 20, and at the Nov. conferences. Thank you for all your support! Katherine LoCurto