



Fifth Grade Center News



October, 2010



October has arrived and the weather continues to vacillate between summer and autumn temperatures. In turn, the air conditioning has been turned off in favor of heat, but we suggest your children dress in layers to feel comfortable in our classrooms.

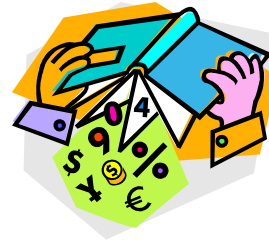
October is an exciting month here at Barnsley. Students are motivated to earn their individual Cougar Coupons. We started off rather slowly this year, so we need to buckle down and make sure we are abiding by the expectations of respect, responsibility and being ready to learn.



On Wednesday, October 12th, students will be traveling to Rockville's Strathmore Music Center to hear the National Philharmonic Orchestra play for all of the 5th grades in MCPS! What a treat! In addition, Barnsley's 5th graders will visit Mt. Vernon on the 28th. Watch for the permission slip to come home soon and let us know if you are interested in chaperoning.



At the end of the month, Barnsley will, once again, be providing a safe and fun Halloween Spooktacular for all students to enjoy. Information will be coming home soon.



the usage of nouns as direct objects, indirect objects and appositives.

In the academic world, students have been extremely busy! In reading, we are continuing our hero unit. Students are participating in literature circles to discuss a variety of questions, responding to writing prompts, and deciding just what characteristics describe a hero.

Writing class will soon be consumed with the composition of personal narratives. We will focus on writing an introduction with a lead that hooks, the body or meat of the paper, which is full of descriptive details, and a conclusion, which wraps it all up. Teachers are anxious to read about your child's experiences.

LAR-By now students have received or purchased their Classical Roots and Wordly Wise books. The students are expected to complete one lesson each week. (They do not have to do the reviews.) They will continue in the book they have until the end of the quarter, and then the students will switch books.

We have started creative writing in LAR. Your child will be writing an exciting story to share with you and the class.

There will continue to be emphasis on grammar. Presently we are focusing on

Math A-We are wrapping up Unit 1 on Data Analysis with the completion of the county test. In the next few weeks you will see a focus on decimals, fractions and percents. This is an extensive 13 week unit.

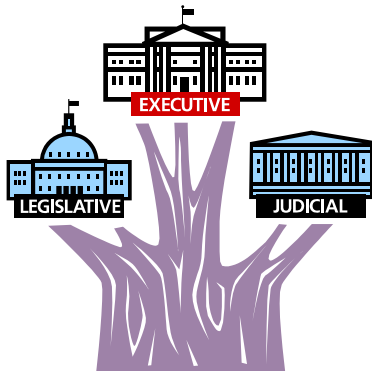
Math B-We are ready to complete our unit 1 assessment. Study Buddy packets will be sent home so that your child will be able to have some extra practice with statistics. We will soon begin unit 2, which focuses on exponents and scientific notation. Look for the content map for this unit soon. Please ask your children to share their math logs so you are aware of what we are doing in class.

IM-In IM students are reviewing for their first unit test. Groups are planning their presentations to help their peers review key terms and concepts. The test will be given next week. The students will also be coming home with a survey project related to this unit

The second unit in IM is real and rational numbers. Children will be able to identify and use rational numbers, integers, powers, exponents, square roots, rates and ratios.



Science- We have been learning about forces and how they affect motion. Your children have been working with bean bags, sand paper, rubber bands, and all sorts of items that could cause a change in motion. We have written several lab reports and will be involved in many more exciting experiments soon!



Social Studies- Students are learning about the three branches of government at the three different levels. We are having exciting discussions about the different eras, and students are deciding what the next era should be called, including an accompanying symbol.

Important Dates

October 10- Columbus Day- Parent visitation from 9:30-11:30

12- Strathmore trip

21- No school MSTA conference

28- Mt. Vernon trip

28- End of the marking period

29- Barnsley Spooktacular

31- No school for students



Students who earned 15 Cougar Coupons

Yerim Choi

Congratulations Yerim!!