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November Reflections!

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It is hard to believe that it is November already. The **Bookfair** was a huge success in the **Media Center** once again! Thank you to the **PTA** for all their hard work on making it such a success! We have begun the **Information Literacy Skills integration** in the Media Center.

Information Literacy Skills are integrated throughout all the grades. In **Grade 1**, students are learning how to do research. They will be introduced to the **AGOPPE Research Model**. Ask your child about the **A** and **G** of this acronym;

Asking Questions and Gathering Information. They will begin researching **AMERICAN SYMBOLS**. Each week, they listen critically for information about each symbol and answer questions. They will create a symbol representing who they are. **Grade 2** is researching about **THE WAMPANOAG INDIANS AND THE PILGRIMS** using an online website. They will learn how to gather facts. They will compare and contrast these 2 cultures. **Grade 3** is learning about **MAPS** and how to use the different parts of them. They

have been introduced to maps and globes with a DVD called **MAP SKILLS FOR CHILDREN**.

Grade 4 will be researching about the **CHESAPEAKE BAY ANIMALS** and publishing a **newsletter** about their animal in **PUBLISHER**.

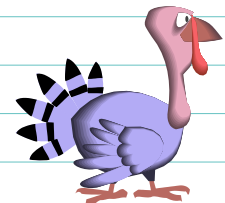
Grade 5 will be researching an **AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HERO** using **online resources**. Each week **Kindergarten** has a **literature lesson** or **technology lesson** that correlates with their classroom objectives. This week they practiced drawing a self-portrait of themselves using the drawing program called **Pixie!** More to come!

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Be on the look-out for the Black-Eyed Susan Program! It will begin in the New Year.

Come in and see the new books that were recently donated from the Bookfair. Thank-you to those students who have donated these new additions to our Media Center collection.

The Celebration Book Bunch



If you would like to donate a book to the Media Center in honor of any special occasion, then the Celebration Book Program is for you!

Each child can have a book donated in honor of any occasion. You may

purchase a book from the approved list that is on the hall bulletin board in front of the Media Center.

Once the book is purchased and given to the Media Center, a bookplate will be inscribed in the book with your child's

name. A photo of your child will also be displayed on the hall bulletin board. This is a great way for us to build our Media Center collection. Thank you to those students who have donated to our Media Center.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Check out the Thanksgiving books in the Media Center!