

# **Rowland News**

November Edition



It is already November...time sure does fly! A big thank you to Mrs. Auten for organizing and planning such a great Halloween party! Thank you also to all the parents who volunteered their time helping out as well as those who sent in treats or party things. It was all greatly appreciated. The kids had a fabulous time!!

Here are a few things that have been happening in our room lately and a few dates for you to remember.

## **Math**

We are well into our multiplication unit. We started the unit learning the easy 0's, 1's, 2's and 5's. We talked about strategies to help us remember some multiplication tables and talked about the "Hard" 6's, 7's and 8's that are always a little trickier to remember. Be on the look out for multiplication packets to come home weekly. Even if your child knows many of the facts, we are working on automaticity, which means they need to know them "quickly". This will aid greatly when we do those timed tests. Each packet will focus on one or two facts and the kids have one week to complete them. I tell them to try to do one or two pages per night.

We also went back to practice our addition and subtraction facts. I found the kids to be a little rusty so we hit the addition facts for about a week and will do subtraction facts for about another week. Please help timing your child with if these come home. I gave them a timed addition test after they practiced at home for a week and saw a great deal of improvement. Those students who still need additional practice will be coming home with more addition or subtraction timed tests to practice.

Math fact practice websites are also on the math page of the class wiki (more on that below).

## **Science**

We are in the midst of our Structures of Life unit. We've learned about seeds and had a mini terrarium in class. Now we are observing crayfish and bess beetles. In addition to the structures and behaviors of each of these animals we will learn about their life cycle. The kids are becoming adept at catching, holding and taking care of our crayfish and beetles! We will be having a test on seeds and crayfish this Friday. A review will be done in class on Thursday.

### **Social Studies**

We had our special visitor on October 23 come in and share some great information with our third graders about Native Americans of Michigan. Mr. Gary Ghareeb shared some amazing artifacts and details about the life of Native Americans during the 1800's. Kids were able to touch and feel all that Gary brought in. They were even encouraged to try on animal skins and furs, moccasins, jewelry and much more. It was truly an amazing presentation for the kids.

### **Reading Logs**

Please encourage your child to read a little bit every day. If a day or two are quite busy for your child with after school activities, have them take their book(s) with them to read on the way somewhere or skip that day and make it up the following. As long as they have 100-125 minutes per week they are good.

### **Learning Buddies**

A few weeks ago we paid our first visit to our kindergarten-learning buddies in Mrs. Shimora's class. We had a great time helping our new friends write Halloween stories. If you happen to be in the building check out the wall across from Mrs. Shimora's class to read the stories and see your child in a photo with their learning buddy. It was fun!

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up (see dates below). If you haven't signed up yet, please copy the link below to your browser and sign up for a 20 minute time slot. Thank you! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4daaa92ea20-parentteacher>

### **Class Wiki**

I showed the kids our class wiki (kind of like our website) and how to find it online. If you go the Greenfield website and find my page it will direct you to click on a link to go to the class wiki. You can copy this link to your browser.

<http://rowland14.wikis.birmingham.k12.mi.us>

Use the navigation bar on the left to find out information on subject areas and things like AR, Compass Learning, as well as monthly newsletters.

### **Scholastic Book Orders**

Our next order is due on November 17<sup>th</sup>. It's super easy to order online. The online code is on the book order. If you prefer to order by check that's o.k. too. (No cash, please.)

#### **Dates to Remember:**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**...Wednesday, November 19 (1-4 & 5-8 p.m.)

Thursday, November 20 (1-4 & 5-8 p.m.)

**Both are ½ days!**

### **Thanksgiving Recess...**

Wednesday, November 26 & Thursday, November 27 ...NO SCHOOL

Thank you for your continued support!

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