



Nov. 15, 2014

Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

Math

This week the students learned about angles, triangles, and quadrilaterals. They created different quadrilaterals using Anglegs. Students also hunted for right angles, acute angles, and obtuse angles in the room. Ask your child to tell you what they learned about angles and point out angles in your house. Next week we will finish our Unit 3.

Writing

The students almost finished their animal research papers. They edited and revised this past week. The final draft is due next week. After this assignment we will work on narrative writing.

Outreach Events

As part of our continued outreach efforts, we are planning an outreach event for Saturday, December 20th in the morning at the Warren Township Youth and Family Services Offices. The event is a Holiday Open House, complete with crafts, story times, and other activities-- and a book give away to each child who comes! We need your support! What we need is this: to please consider *donating some new or gently used children's books* (of any reading level--picture book, chapter book, novels, etc.) for us to use at this event. I know this is a busy time of year, but this is a perfect opportunity for us to spread our reach to other areas of our district and help others at the same time. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your help.

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Reading

This past week we finished discussing Chocolate Touch. The students began a Plot Turning Poster. The students write setbacks and successes John had in the book. They also write discoveries John made about himself. We will finish this next week. Students will also write a nonfiction reading response using the post-its they wrote last week.

Garden and Phenology

This past week we took time to harvest our radishes and lettuce we planted in the fall. We have decided to donate the radishes. We took time discussing how find a place to donate the food and how to contact them.

The students spent time outside this week making observations for phenology. Phenology is the study of plants and animals over a period of time.

Conferences

Nov. 24 and Nov. 25

Student attended Parent Teacher conferences are coming Nov. 24 and Nov. 25. In third grade students come to the conference. I will be going over with you how your child is doing academically as well as any behavior that needs to be discussed. I will try to answer any questions you may have during the conference. The conferences are only 15 minutes long.

To sign up for conferences go to
<https://lhahnroom20.youcanbook.me/>

Weather Change and Weather Gear

Due to the weather change, students need to bring the appropriate clothing for going outside. This includes a warm coat, hat, gloves or mittens, and appropriate foot gear. Please keep an extra set of clothes at school and 2 pairs of socks.

Soon it will be important that ALL students have shoes or slippers to wear inside the classroom. The melting snow makes a mess on the floor when students wear the same shoes inside and outside.

Holiday Bazaar

The PCCS annual Holiday Shopping Bazaar is less than three weeks away! Please send in donations to be used for the gifts. A suggestion is to send in at least as many gifts as your children intend to purchase. We are looking for gently used re-gifting items such as: DVDs, books, games, decorative items, toys, jewelry, etc. Items in high demand are items that will go on the table for Dad. Curb side drop off during morning carpool will be available starting Monday, November 17th. A drop off donation box is located in the office foyer starting on that date also for your convenience.

Donations of gift bags, tissue paper and scotch tape are also needed. We would appreciate as many gift bags as items your child will purchase. These items can be dropped off in the donation box in the office foyer prior to December 4 or brought on the day of the event.

We still need parents to come forward to assist with sorting donations in the mornings, setting up the gym on Wednesday, December 3rd starting at 3:30 and on Thursday, December 4th – the day of the Bazaar. To help with this event, please email Laura Psimaras at: holidaybazaar@pccharterschool.org. Thank you for your support!

Trash Free Lunch Program

In keeping the environment at the center of everything we do, Prairie Crossing Charter School encourages students to bring a trash free lunch and snack to school. Examples include:

- A reusable lunch box or bag.
- A cloth napkin.
- A water bottle/reusable drink bottle.
- Reusable silverware, if needed
- Reusable containers for food storage.

From page 18 Parent Student Handbook

Upcoming Events

Coffee with Admin.- Monday, Nov. 17, 2:00

Farm to Table Lunch- Wednesday, Nov. 19
11:40-12:40 (lunch first)

Student attended Parent Teacher Conferences / Early Release- Nov. 24, Nov. 25

No School- Wednesday, Nov. 26

Thank You Students

A special thank you goes to the following students:

Evan-For helping his classmates and being a great learning partner

Max- For helping a classmate with the animal research paper

Lily- For helping do classroom jobs when someone was absent

Peter- For helping pick up things found on the floor and volunteering to pass out supplies