



Nov. 23, 2014

# Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

## Math

This past week we finished Unit 3 on Geometry. We reviewed angles, triangles, quadrilaterals, perimeter, and area. On Friday we began our new unit on multiplication. They wrote story problems about things that come in groups. For example: Here are 5 stars. Each star has 5 points. There are 25 points in all.

Next week the students will put multiplication problems next to their story problems.

The math "packet" for next week is only one page and due on Tuesday.

Don't forget to study math facts often!

## 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 students read about invasive species in the magazine Time for Kids. The children learned about the Asian Carp, the African snail, Burmese Python, and others. We were able to make connections between invasive species and what they learned at Earthkeepers. Students also learned about synonyms and why an author would use synonyms.

## Social Studies

This week in social studies the students learned about the Native Americans. They learned how the Indians traded goods with other tribes to get items they did not have. A favorite activity this week was the "Trading Game". Students had a bag of items and had to trade for their needs and wants. However, they could not talk because not all Native American spoke the same language. In the next few weeks we will continue to study the Native American lifestyle around the 1600's to around 1800's.

## 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/>

## Writing

In writing this week the students worked on sentence fluency. They learned to start sentences with different words, vary sentence length, and to use a variety of sentence types. They practiced their sentence fluency by writing a paragraph pretending to see things in the night sky. Some paragraphs were silly and others turned out more scientific. Next week we will edit, revise, and publish those paragraphs paying close attention to sentence fluency.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 3:30 and on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – the day of the Bazaar. To help with this event, please email Laura Psimaras at: [holidaybazaar@pccharterschool.org](mailto:holidaybazaar@pccharterschool.org). Thank you for your support!

## PE Newsletter

The last couple of weeks have flown by so quickly! The Harvest fest was a lot of fun and it was great to see all the family and friends that came out to enjoy a fun filled night.

The last couple of weeks have consisted of a few different activities. We reviewed throwing and catching, working on proper throwing mechanics. We also squeezed in some parachute activities which was a lot of fun for the students! Recently, we worked on our jump rope skills. It is amazing to see all the students improvements in jump rope! The next couple of weeks will consist of basketball drills and skills. We will be learning and reviewing proper dribbling and passing techniques as well as ball handling activities. The ball handling activities are meant to improve keeping the ball under control.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. Corra

## Upcoming Events

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

**No School-** Wednesday, Nov. 26- Friday, Nov. 28

## Thank You Students

A special thank you goes to the following students:

**Noah-**For being a great door holder and trying hard on his assignments

**Isaac R.** – Working well with a partner to complete his assignments and answering questions in class

**Sujaan-** Helping his classmates and trying hard on to complete all his work in a timely manner