



# The First Grade Friday Flash!



Mrs. Barnes' Class News

Friday, November 17, 2006

## REMINDER:

The thankful slideshow will be on Wednesday, November 22, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. Our class will have snacks and present their computer lab project. All parents and siblings are invited to join us. The students will also share some recently completed writing projects and a virtues project organized by Caroline Donaldson and Lindsay Elston. We hope to see you there! The children LOVE to have an opportunity to share what they are working on.

## Math

Our geometry unit continues to be a lot of fun for the class. We have learned how to manipulate shapes to fill space, how to create symmetrical designs and how to create a repeating pattern quilt square. I have been very impressed with the spatial skills and creativity of our class. We will create a class quilt next week and display it in the classroom too. The close of the unit will include the creation of a Blocktown made of wooden Geoblocks. Our class is looking forward to it!

## Literacy

Our second personal narrative writing piece is about a favorite fall memory. The class has focused on creating inviting introductions, providing details in sequential order and using a variety of sentence structures in writing. These personal narratives are exceptional work. Each student has put forth a great deal of effort and shown growth from the first writing project. We will share our writing projects as a class and have them ready to share for Wednesday!

## Science

This week our class explored wind. We blew bubbles to observe the direction the wind was blowing and its direction of origin. We also created pinwheels to mirror a wind gauge. In this unit, students learn about four different types of wind or levels: *No wind or calm air, Gentle breeze, Moderate wind and Severe wind*. We will close this science unit next week with our night sky observations and discussions about the moon. The unit assessment will take place right after Thanksgiving with the field trip to the Science Center following shortly thereafter.

## Homework:

This week's homework packet is due on WEDNESDAY, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Over Thanksgiving break, students will not have homework packet books, but they will have a science night sky observation worksheet. I am happy to say that our class is demonstrating a lot of homework responsibility. This will really help students for future grade levels and homework to come!

## Conferences:

Conferencing is coming to a close in the next week or so. I have greatly enjoyed my conversations with many parents. If you have not arranged a conference with me or have missed your scheduled conference, please contact me to reschedule if you'd like. I will try to schedule any other conferences as soon as possible.

## DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

**NO SCHOOL → 11/23 & 11/24**

**Book Orders Due → 12/1**