

Mrs. Covington's

# FRIDAY NOTES

October 23, 2009

Can you believe that we are almost through with the first quarter of the school year?!? My how time flies when you are having fun. First, I wanted to thank you for all of your hard work on the timeline and family tree projects. I was and am SO impressed by the high quality of work! It has been heartwarming to hear the stories that come along with learning about your families. Although it is hard work, I hope that you have enjoyed the conversations that you have had with your children while completing the assignments. The last component of the project will be an interview of a relative. I am sending this information home today, but this assignment will not be due until **Monday, November 2**. I am so proud of the work that I will be taking some of the work to the South Rowan Public Library to display for the month of November!

Parent Conferences are NEXT WEEK (October 26-30)! I am looking forward to meeting with all of you!!

## PUMPKIN DAY AND COFFEE BASKET

**Pumpkin Day is next Thursday, October 29th.** I am sending home reminders today for students and parents who signed up to send in items for pumpkin day. Please make sure to have all treats for the treatbags in by Monday, October 26th. A parent volunteer is putting these together at home and I need to send the treats to her that afternoon. If you volunteered to come in and help out, please try to be here by 8:30 on that Thursday. Finally, please remember that Pumpkin Day is an early release day, so school will be dismissed at 12:30 for ALL STUDENTS. Pumpkin Day will last until around 11 that day which is when we go to lunch.

Also, if you agreed to send in items for our Fall Festival Basket, please do so by Monday, November 2. Thank you so much for being so generous and supportive.



## Curriculum

**Reading:** *Celebrating Traditions* We read a story this week about salsa music. We listened to salsa music and learned about Puerto Rico. We will continue our unit on Traditions throughout the next two weeks.

**Math:** *Multiplication* We will begin learning about the basic concept of multiplication in the next couple of weeks. Your child will need to begin studying their multiplication facts every night in order to be successful. Please remember that multiplication is

necessary for almost every other mathematical skill and it will be very important that they stay on track!

**Science:** *Plants* The children will travel to Mrs. Noe's class for a unit on plants, plant parts, and plant needs. I will be teaching the map skills unit to Mrs. Noe's class.

**Writer's Workshop:** We will be writing "small moment" stories that are derived from lists of ideas we have about writing. We will continue learning about 5 finger stories and writing our own.



October 26-30- Parent Conferences

October 29th- Third Grade Pumpkin Day!\*\*Don't forget to send in the things you volunteered to donate!\*\* and Early Release (12:30)

October 30th- Teacher Workday-No School

November 2nd- Relative Interview due and coffee basket items due

November 6th- Fun Friday (behavior reward) and Fall Festival

November 10- Salisbury Walking Tour and Report Cards go home

November 11- No School- Veteran's Day