

Ms. Garcia's

October 2011 Classroom Newsletter

September
Students of the Month:
Congratulations
Katie Farr!

Important Dates

- 10.4 Bears Day!
- 10.10 No School—
Columbus Day
- 10.12 LSC Meeting— 6:15 p.m.
- 10.15 Clean & Green: 10 a.m.
- 10.27 FIG Fall Fest
(Family Night)
- 10.28 No School—
Staff Development Day

LUNCH MONEY PROCEDURE:

Please send lunch money in a sealed envelope with your child's name, room number, and number of days purchased on the outside of the envelope. Students must submit lunch money before school between 8:30-9:00 a.m. Remind students of this when bringing them to school in the morning.

Homework Policy

Students receive weekly homework assignments. This consists of practicing comprehension skills and strategies, daily math practice problems, handwriting, and sometimes writing. Students will receive daily homework assignments sometimes as well. Points will still be deducted for homework turned in late. Homework is written on the website daily.

October Focus

- **READING LOG** genre: Fantasy Fiction
- We will soon begin our first novel, *Maniac Magee*! We will continue to practice important comprehension skills and use reading strategies throughout the novel.
- **Math**— We have finished up our Analyzing Data unit and have moved on to place value, and basic concepts for exponents. While we move on to a new unit, students will be working on a home math project that will apply their knowledge of data analysis to real work situations. Look for a checklist with guidelines to be sent home soon.
- **Social Studies**— we are looking at regions of the United States. For now, we are memorizing our states and capitals, what regions and where on a map they are located. As we finish that, we will begin researching informational texts.
- **Science**— we are working on learning and understanding life science. We finished up with classifying plants and animals. We will now inquire and learn about energy from plants and ecosystems. We are also learning how to take notes efficiently and understand how to use informational text features.



Student of the month criteria:

- daily attendance
- prepared for class
- wear school uniform
- excellent conduct

School Fee Reminder

A \$75.00 school fee has been assessed for every student to cover instructional supplies (workbooks, classroom novels, teacher instructional resources for language arts, math and writing, Scholastic magazines) parent agenda (kdg-8th) and student agenda books (1st - 8th only). This fee is now due and can be paid by cash, check or money order made payable to: Friends and Family of South Loop.

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Classroom Website

I hope everyone has had the chance to use the new classroom website. It has been very useful to relay information to you. Please check back frequently for recent updates and announcements.