Upcoming Dates:

**PTO Book Fair** – Wed.-Fri., October 23-25

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Wed. & Thurs., October 23 & 24

**Half days**– Thurs. & Fri., October 24-25, **Dismissal at 11:00**

**Pumpkin Festival**– Tues. & Wed., October 29-30

**Morton Arboretum Field Trip**– Wed., October 30 – 9:00-2:00

**Halloween Parade** – Thurs., October 31 – 1:00 pm

**Institute Day** – No School – Friday, November 1

**PTO Meeting** – Tuesday, November 5, 7:00

**Curriculum**

***ELA (Reading / Writing)*** – In Reading Workshop, we have been talking about how to figure out tricky words in a text. We also discussed how having some hard words in the text challenge us to think and stretch our vocabulary. I think some students are reading “safe” books and I hope with some help and encouragement they will choose some more challenging books to allow them to grow as readers. Some students have selected this as their October/November reading goal. We will talk more about this at conferences.

 In Writing Workshop, we learned that when we are revising a story it doesn’t just mean correcting grammar and spelling mistakes but to go back and add more details (strong beginning, dialogue, action and a solid ending) and to make the story the as descriptive as it can be. I am excited to see our final products later this month! The students have been working very hard.

***Math*** – We have finished up Module 1 in Math and the students have done well. We need to be sure that we are carefully reading the problems in order to make sure that we do the problem completely. The last lessons in the Module were about 2 step word problems and too often the students did the first part but neglected to do the second part. The life-long skill of carefully reading directions is crucial. We will go over the End of Module Assessment at the conference.

***Science –*** We have finished up our map unit and we all seemed to enjoy it! We are beginning our first Science unit called Water and Climate this coming week.

**Field Trip-Morton Arboretum**

We are looking forward to our field trip on Wed., October 30. We will leave here at 9:00 and will be back around 2:00. The trip will consist of an indoor lab class studying plants from different ecosystems for half the day. The other half of the day will be a trail hike locating and identifying critters living in different ecosystems. It is very important to watch the weather for that day and dress accordingly. We want everyone to enjoy the day inside and out.

**Trick or Treat for UNICEF!!** 

Whittier students have the chance to help kids from all around the world by Trick or Treating for UNICEF.  Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF began 68 years ago as a way to help kids still affected by World War II. Since then, millions of children across the United States have gone door to door on Halloween with UNICEF collection boxes, calling out, "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF!" The annual tradition of Kids Helping Kids® — involving donations big and small — has helped to raise nearly $177 million since 1950.

**CONFERENCES ARE NEXT WEEK**

This coming week we have conferences and I look forward to sitting down with all of you. Please let me know asap if you need a change. Also, **we are going to the Book Fair as a class on Wednesday afternoon.**

**Socktober!** 

Our Student Council is sponsoring the annual sock drive called Socktober! This is part of a national effort to provide socks to people who are homeless. Families are encouraged to send in new socks that will be donated to Housing Forward, a local homeless shelter. Our Socktober drive will run through Oct. 29. Thanks for your support!

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