**Socktober!** 

Have you heard of Sockober?

 Socktober is a nationwide sock collection for homeless families. Student Council members are collecting NEW, WARM socks for the homeless in our area.  Housing Forward (the Oak Park/River Forest Shelters) served 947 homeless people last year.  We are trying to help them keep these homeless people warm this winter by donating socks.  There are collection boxes at Whittier. Socks should be turned in October 28th.   Thank you!

Upcoming Dates:

**Wildcat Fun Run** – Wednesday, October 16 1:50-2:25

**Whittier At the Movies**– Friday, October 18 3:00-5:00

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

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

**Half days**– Thurs. & Fri., October 24-25 Dismissal is 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 - 12:30pm

**Curriculum**

***ELA (Reading / Writing and more)*** – In Reading Workshop, our current focus is on predicting. This week we have been working on not just making a prediction but explaining why the prediction makes sense. We’re now using the word *because* in our predictions. Along with that paying attention to the BIG PARTs for a story so that we walk away understanding what is going on in the plot. Please feel free to have conversations about what your son or daughter is reading any time.

 In Writing Workshop, students are developing their small moment story by working on leads and expanding their story through oral storytelling and by using dialogue. They are becoming very serious writers and many have excellent writing stamina. We will be sharing our writing with other third grade classrooms later in the month.

 Next week we will start our Biography Fact Report. Directions will come home on Monday, 10/14. If students know who they would like to read about they could get a book at the Library on Tuesday 10/15. Please have the conversation of people they would like to study. Thanks!

***Math*** – We have finished the first half of our module in Math on multiplication and division concepts. Thanks for the support from home with homework and bringing the workbook back to school every day. We continue to talk about what information is missing from a problem and need to be more consistent in answering a problem with a complete sentence—a sentence with words not just a number sentence!

***Social Studies*** – We are finishing up our Map Skills book. We’ve learned about maps—reading the key, identifying the population according to the color code, and creating our own maps. This mini-unit will end with the students making a treasure map with a Legend and a Compass Rose on it. Students are loving it!!

 **Wildcat Run**

On Wednesday, 10/16, all classes at Whittier will participate in the annual PTO Wildcat Fun Run. We will run and walk for about 20-25 min. after warming up.  *Thanks in advance to the PTO for organizing the event, to businesses that donated goods, and to all of you who are able to come out and cheer us on.* The whole school is moving toward making the $16,000 goal and our class is doing very well!! THANK YOU!! Times above in Dates.

**Halloween Party**

We are looking forward to the Halloween parade and party! Students should either bring their costumes to school to change or plan to go home. Nobody will wear costumes until after lunch. The parade will begin shortly after lunch and our party will follow after a brief recess. I will send out reminders to families on what foods/supplies to bring in that signed up. Our parties are very low key.

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