

**Socktober!** 

Our Student Council is sponsoring a 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!

Upcoming Dates:

**Indigenous Peoples Day** – No School – Monday, October 8

**Wildcat Fun Run** – Wednesday, October 10 12:55-1:30

**PTO Book Fair** – Wed.-Fri., October 24-26

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Wed. & Thurs., October 24 & 25

**Half days**– Thurs. & Fri., October 25-26

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

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

**Halloween Parade** – Wed., October 31 - 12:30pm

 **Wildcat Run**

On Wednesday, 10/10, 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.

**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. You can support this at home by stopping and making predictions during a read aloud or during a TV show or a movie that your third grader hasn’t seen before. Be sure to ask why their prediction makes sense.

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 and possibly a book will come home on Wednesday.

***Math*** – We have finished the first 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! Our next unit will be on addition and subtraction as well as rounding.

***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!!

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