

News from Pod 3

October 20, 2009



Field Trip

First grade will be visiting Aplin Farms on Monday, October 26th. Please return a signed permission slip and the \$7 entry fee as soon as possible. Your child will be selecting a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, learning about plants and picking sunflowers, walking a corn field maze and participating in hands on activities in a demonstration barn. Our 1st Grade standards include comparing life in various communities, production, transportation, changes over time and a study of plant life. This field trip will help us meet these standards.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, October 21st—Report Card Day

Monday, October 26th—Field Trip to Aplin Farm

Friday, October 30th—Fall Costume Parade (9:00am)

and Class Party

Sunday, November 1st—Daylight Saving Time Ends



Reading Rates

The students are beginning to really understand the reading process. Don't forget to read daily both individually and as a family.

Math Matters

Addition and subtraction are on the lesson plans. 1st graders have difficulty switching from one operation to the other because they don't pay attention to the details. Those plus and minus signs are important. Math vocabulary words include sum, difference and related math facts. (6+2=8 2+6=8)

School Web Site

We have put some pictures of our work stations on our class page. Take a look at our explorations.

<http://www.am.dodea.edu/rucker/primary>

Class Grocery Store Under Construction



Our students are enjoying the construction process. They are sorting and classifying the many products that you have contributed to our store. So far one group classified by these categories:

- Bottles
- Boxes
- Snacks
- Frozen Foods

Another group classified by:

- Cereals
- Meats
- Milk/Dairy
- Frozen
- Snacks
- Cleaning Supplies
- Fruit/Veggies

Notice a common item? Those snacks really matter by the end of the day. 😊

It will be interesting to see if the groups can agree on an arrangement by the end of the sorting process and stocking the shelves.

Other work stations include making a web of grocery store workers. (One child was amazed at how many store employees there are.) We are getting some great grocery shopping lists written at another station and some good signs to hang up in our store before opening day.

Cooperation and teamwork are the rules of the day! The discovery is that working together lightens the load and combining talents and abilities make a better product for all to enjoy. More to come...



Thank You!

Thank you for your contributions to the PTA gift wrapping basket. It will be auctioned off at the Fall Carnival in November.

“Together We Can!”