

## THE HALDANE HERALD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2012

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## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

## Important Dates

Conferences	11/12
Picture Retakes	11/13
Pizza Monday	11/19
Half Day	11/21
Jean Day	11/21
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>11/22-23</b>
End of Trimester	11/30
Pizza Monday	12/3
Sweatshirt & Popcorn Day	12/7
<b>Report Cards Go Home</b>	<b>12/11</b>
Dazzling December Classes	12/11-13

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We have collected around 100 cans for the food drive! Thank you!
- We will have a Harvest Party on Wednesday, November 21 at 10:00.
- Wednesday, November 21 is a half-day. Students dismiss at 11:20.

Things have been moving along quite well in room five. Second graders have been studying number sense concepts by exploring larger numbers. They have opportunities in math every day to use hands-on materials to explore and apply skills related to place value and comparing numbers.

First graders have practiced skip-counting through money exploration. So far, we have counted nickels and pennies, but have also reviewed quarters, nickels, and dimes.

We have all been learning more about extracting information from

expository (informational) texts and have particularly focused on connecting what we already know (prior knowledge) with the new material we read.

Students published their first personal narratives of the year using technology. They used our document camera, a microphone, and the projector to read and display their pieces of writing. Grades were earned for the writing, listening to peers' presentations, and for clearly and articulately reading their stories.

This week, we will move on to friendly letters. Stu-

dents will write to someone special to explain why they are grateful for that person.

We wrapped up our science unit on animal habitats and adaptations last week and moved back into social studies. We are currently studying ancient civilizations, early hunting, and early farming. Our next unit will be on Thanksgiving.

With the end of the trimester approaching, our Friday encore (currently art) will soon change. At the onset of the second trimester, we will have art once a week and library twice a week.

## FIELD TRIPS

November has already been a busy field trip month for us. Thank you for all of your flexibility with rescheduling the Dahlem Center trip and turning around to attend the JCC trip to see Bunnicula the next week. We

had a tremendous amount of parent support.



Several parents sent in a little extra money and asked that it be applied to students' field trip costs if

anyone could not afford to attend. THANK YOU! We were able to take every child on every field trip because of your generosity. I am grateful for your spirit of community and service to one another.