



# Room 110 News

Issue 2

Mrs. Fallon's Class

October 3, 2017

## Halloween

Parent volunteers will join us in the morning on October 31<sup>st</sup> for "Pumpkin Science". We will experiment with real pumpkins!

We will also have a **Halloween party** in the afternoon. Students are invited to bring their Halloween costumes to school. We will change into them for



the party!

(No violent costumes, fake blood, or fake weapons, please!)

## Science: Food Chains & Webs

Our first Science unit is "Food Chains and Webs". We are learning about the food chains that exist in various ecosystems around the world. We will observe soil, plants, crickets, and worms. We are using the Scientific Method to conduct experiments and play a food chain game. This unit is hands-on and fun!

## ELA

**Reading & Writing-** We have been busy in ELA! We read a story called Akiak and focused on the reading strategies of building background knowledge and summarizing. We also got familiar with the Scholastic News and Story Works magazines. We set up our writer's notebooks and began our creative writing. We logged into OneNote on the iPads and wrote a letter in our Reader's Notebooks. Our first writing project is a "Personal Narrative". We will read many mentor texts (published personal narratives) and analyze the author's craft. We will then try out these writing techniques in our own personal narratives.

**Spelling-** Tomorrow we will begin Word Study, and will learn how to complete each activity in class. Look for a list of words in your child's planner each cycle. Beginning next cycle, one spelling homework activity will be assigned most nights of the week and completed in their Word Study Journal. Look for it in your child's planner and backpack.

## Social Studies

**NYS Geography-** The geography unit is over, but we will continue use our knowledge of maps and locations in NYS throughout the year. We frequently discuss how the geography of the state contributed to where and how the Iroquois lived.

**Native American Unit-** In our next SS unit, we will learn about the lifestyle and culture of the tribes who lived in Upstate New York. We will use our knowledge of NYS geography to infer how and why they lived in a certain way.

## Meet the Teacher Night

Thank you all for coming to Meet the Teacher Night- I enjoyed seeing you! Conference, party, and field trip sign-ups were available- please email me if you'd like to sign up for anything else. Also, the class video has been posted on the CLASS DOJO website- check it out!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 October 5-** Secret Ticket party (bring in a blanket and board game- optional)
- 2 October 6-** no school (Superintendent's conference day)
- 3 October 9-** no school (Columbus Day)
- 4 October 19-** Roller skating (after school)  
\*Send in permission slip and \$ if your child wants to attend
- 5 October 31-** Pumpkin Science (11-12:00 & Halloween Party)

