

Classroom News

October 14 - 18, 2019



What an exciting week!

I'm sure that Monday was a bit of a drag for ALL of us, as most of us struggled to get back into our regular routine after a wonderful Fall Break. As I was returning from a great time in California, the amazing Mrs. Jo Lynn Baltzley subbed for me and reported that she had a marvelous day with our class. Mrs. Baltzley is a lover of "all things science," so I left lesson plans packed with science learning for the day.

Well, we didn't have exactly glorious Fall weather for our first field trip of the year on Wednesday. My poor foresight (we book field trips in the summer!) had me missing beautiful sunshine and warmth by only a day! However, we managed to enjoy our time out at Farnsley-Moremén Landing. Thank you to Colleen Abate, Stephanie Kaebnick, and Tara Mouser for accompanying us on this excursion. We loved (and learned a lot, I hope) touring the beautiful old home on the river, digging in the dirt for "artifacts" while learning what archaeologists actually do, and making our own artifacts to keep! We wrote about our experiences after our return to school. This field trip will kick off our Social Studies unit centered around "Life Long Ago."

Thank you for returning conference forms. I will be very anxious to meet with each of you in the next month or so. I have lots of work samples and (hopefully) insightful things to share about your children. This is a wonderful group of kids, and I am very excited to report on their various accomplishments so far in our First Grade year.

We are exploring the life cycles of PLANTS while reading many books about how PUMPKINS grow. In addition, our scientific studies for the remainder of the month will center on SPIDERS and BATS - all thanks to Charlotte (Charlotte's Web) and a couple of great October issues of Scholastic News. This will conclude our "life science" studies for the year, though we will continue to re-visit this topic from time to time.

Finally, please let me express my thanks for all of the wonderful birthday wishes. They were very much appreciated! ☺

