

Sept. 30 – Oct. 4, 2019



HOT OFF THE PRESSES EARLY EDITION!!! I know that we will have several families leaving early for Fall Break, so here is a very special “Thursday” edition of our weekly newsletter!

This week we kicked off our “early settlers” unit with a biographical study of the earliest American explorer and pioneer of all – Christopher Columbus!!! Our challenge, now, is to fast-forward a few hundred years to those early settlers of the Ohio River Valley. This is where our fall “social studies” unit of study will be concentrated. Our upcoming field trip (Wednesday, October 16th) to the Farnsley-Moremen home and Riverside Landing will be a fabulous introduction into this period of Louisville’s history. We will explore the house, dig for archaeological artifacts, and make our own artifacts (bricks) while on the property. Two wonderful picture books will also help to jump-start our studies: Who Came Down That Road?, by Kentucky author George Ella Lyon, and The House on Maple Street, written by Bonnie Pryor.

In science . . . lots of study about **LIVING THINGS!** We have moved (mostly) from the Animal Kingdom to the Plant Kingdom. After investigating **APPLES** for a couple of weeks, we will move to **PUMPKINS** following Fall Break.

Wednesday was a most unusual school day. I was in meetings until 11:00 a.m., and the children were entertained and educated by two very exciting programs. Huge thanks to Galadriel Morgenthau and Tara Mouser, who led our very first ART DISCOVERY session for the year. The kids enjoyed making leather bracelets and keychains. Then they attended a special assembly entitled "Captain Current and the Electricity Vampires." You'll have to ask your kiddo about this one. I wasn't there! But it appeared they had a great time!

HOMEWORK: Don't panic!!! This homework assignment won't be due for TWO weeks (October 18th). So you don't have to take it on vacation with you! Your child will have plenty of time when you return. They know what to do, so just enjoy! Please encourage lots of color and creativity. Our "monsters" will be displayed in our hallway through Halloween. But . . . if you will have a "staycation" over Fall Break, please feel free to get started! Monsters may come to school at any time between now and the 18th.

SPELLING WORDS for our October 18th test will include:
witch bridge trick sick stitch fill of how some why
(still working on those tricky tch, dge, ck, and ll/ss spelling patterns!)
Bonus word: pumpkin

More October fun coming up:

Wednesday, October 16 – field trip to Farnsley-Moremén Landing – fingers crossed for a beautiful day!!!

Friday, October 25 – Anchorage Halloween Parade and Carnival – with costumes!

Thursday, October 31 – our class Halloween party – without costumes!

