

THE NARAMORE NEWS

October 2009

Special Events

Oct. 9-16 (minimum days) conferences

Oct. 9 International Night

Oct. 19 No School

October 30 Minimum Day

Parent Volunteer Schedule

Thank you to all of you who signed up to volunteer in our classroom. You may begin coming in on the day and time you signed up for. Remember to sign-in in the office and wear a visitor's badge. I really appreciate your willingness to help us out. THANK YOU!

Parent /Teacher Conferences

I am looking forward to meeting with all of you during conference week. Please come prepared to discuss your child's academic, social, and study skills strengths and weaknesses.

GATE Parent Representative

We are looking for a GATE parent representative to be on the district GATE community advisory committee. The first meeting is October 27th at 6:30 at the district office. Please let me know if you are interested in serving in this way.

Science/Health

We have begun our study of biology and environments. We are learning about the stages of change in our STAGES curriculum.

Fine Arts

We studied the Renaissance Period. We learned about da Vinci, Shakespeare, and read Romeo and Juliet. Now we will learn about the early Baroque period and study Rembrandt, Vivaldi, and Bassho/Issa.

Math

We are finishing our study of basic multiplication and division facts. This unit was full of problem solving strategies that we will continue to use, properties of math that help in our understanding of algebra, discrete math, order of operations, and graphing. We are also finishing a simulation game called The Tribe of Tocowans which reinforced our multiplication and division skills. The students should have all of the basic multiplication and division facts memorized by now.

Integrated Language Arts

We read The Hundred Dresses, and a short fairy tale literary group book. We wrote shell poems which stressed metaphors. We will soon begin our study of the novel, Island of the Blue Dolphin. We just began our full length fairy tale literary groups. The students will begin writing Native Californian reports in class. The students presented a group presentation about a Shakespearean story they read and we are finishing their All About Me speeches.

Social Studies

We will soon finish studying California geography. Then we will begin our study of Native Californians. We made salt and flour maps of California.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you who have already joined the PTA. You can still join if you haven't had the chance yet.