

MRS. CATHERWOOD'S CASTLE NEWS!

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September 29, 2011

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

Walk to School Day	10-5
Early Release	10-14
Fall Celebration	10-24-28??
Conferences	10-31

In The Classroom:

Hello!

Volunteer clearance has come through! Hooray! Please check your email to see if you have been cleared. If not, please send me an email so I can re-check the clearance list. Please check the volunteer calendar this week for opportunities! **Agenda Reminder:** If you have not sent \$12 for your child's agenda purchase, please do so as soon as possible. If money is an issue, please let me know.

Math Workshop:

In math workshop we have been developing different strategies to solve different equations and word problems. Videos of the strategies we use will be posted online under "Parent Videos" by next week. Please check them out! We have also been working on solving and writing backwards equations and equation chains (algebra).

Reader's Workshop:

Connections are memories you have that connects to the book you are reading. You can have connections

to things that have happened to you, to other books you've read or movies you've seen, or to events happening around the world. We have been practicing making self-to-text and text-to-text connections. We are making deeper and stronger connections to a character's feelings, the problem/solution, or the message/lesson. Practice these at home as you read! Text-to-text connections have been a bit tricky this week!

Writer's Workshop:

In writer's workshop, we have begun the writing process with our first story of the year. We should now be able to plan our story, make sure our story matches our plan, make sure our sentences are on the same topic, and how to revise a piece by adding or taking away items. We are still working on showing the reader what is happening instead of telling by listing details. Next week we will begin conferencing and publishing!

Science/ S.S.:

We have been learning about being good citizens! We also have learned about cause/effect (choice/consequence), community, and



responsibility!
In Science we have begun our Sound unit. We are learning how sound is made and ways we can create sound with our bodies and items around us.

Word Study:

Please check your email for great ideas to practice at home! Our quiz will be on Oct. 7th!

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Congratulations to Tyler and Nicholas! Both boys have been staying focused on their work and doing

their best on everything! Way to go on turning in super work!!!

Class Wishlist:

- Flip Video Camera
- Jump rope/bouncy balls/hoola hoops
- Letter Writing Paper (Stationary)
- cans - vegetable, fruit, etc. With tops/bottoms cut off
- Used or new puzzles/games