



# First Grade News



## \* From the Desk of Mrs.

Ashby \*

### Scare Crows, Not Me!

What a fun week it was in Room 11! This week we learned about not-so-scary scarecrows and "their job." The first graders listened to some great scarecrow stories, learned a scarecrow poem with puppetry, did some creative scarecrow writing, and practiced sorting the "ow" sounds-like in "crow" and "cow."

A very fall-like week... don't you think?!

### \* Stone Soup Reader's Theater \*

The time is nearing even more! The Room 11 First Graders will be putting on their first performance. It will be a Reader's Theater of the classic story- Stone Soup... just perfect for the Thanksgiving season.

Last week, parts were given out and sent home to be practiced-keep working on these at home when possible. We are inviting all families to come watch the show on Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars- hoping every family will be able to join us! Looking forward to it!

### \* Fall Conferences \*

First Trimester conferences are being scheduled. Please go to the Westlake Website to choose your own time... I will assign the remaining slots after Sunday.

\* Parent Conference Confirmations will be coming home Monday.

thanks for signing up and let me

## \* Homework Writing \*

As we move forward with writing in the second trimester, the expectations will be growing. I think you will look back at your child's writing throughout the year and be amazed at how much they are/will blossom as writers! In class our writing focus is moving more toward ideas, sentence structure, word choice and details.

Homework will closely reflect what we are working on in class, so your child has extra opportunities to apply the strategies learned. Here's what you'll see: each writing will have a particular focus, so you can work more closely on the skills we are practicing in class at home too; most writing will have a graphic organizer (for brainstorming) AND writing page (to do the actual writing on) as we begin working on developing our thoughts in an organized way. My hope is that writing homework will continue your child's positive writing progress!

Also, please be sure to keep correcting: \* Neat Handwriting \* Conventions \* 100% Words \*

### \* Mark Your Calendars! \*

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>: No School  
Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>: Olympic Triathlon  
Wednesday- Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>:  
Fall Conferences- 1:15 Release Time  
Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>: Stone Soup Performance & Family Feast

\* Keep up that school spirit! We were the class winners for Olympic Fundraising AND Box Tops this week... thanks for supporting our school!

Smiles Mrs. Ashby