



CLASSROOM TIMES

What's Happening In Our Classroom!!!

Palo East

Reading

Our next theme is *Cultural Exchange*, and the genre will be realistic fiction. Comprehension and vocabulary skills include summarizing, identifying theme, and using context clues to enhance meaning.

For our next book report, the students will be reading a genre that many of them don't often get the chance to explore—Mystery! The students will be completing a Powerpoint Presentation of their book, to be due in December. They will get ample time in class to work on this, but some may need to finish up their projects at home. Hopefully not.

Social Studies

In 5th grade, we use the TCI-Social Studies Alive! America's Past program. Our first topic of study is the impact that the geography of our country has had on America's history. The students will learn and utilize map skills such as latitude, longitude, and the coordinate grid system. The students will

geographic terms to describe various landforms and bodies of water.

Writing

Having recently focused on persuasive articles in our *Wonders* series, the students will be doing some opinion writing of their own.

We will read about the recent trend in "designer drinks" (such as the Unicorn Frappuccino), and then the students will be tasked with creating a drink of their own. They will then use the persuasive format to convince their readers that theirs is the best drink! I can't wait to read about the students' creations!

Math

We have started our study of Unit 4, which concentrates on multiplying decimals. The students will start with estimating products when multiplying decimals, and then they will move on to using models and math practices to model decimal multiplication. Finally, they will learn how to multiply a

decimal by a whole number, and then a decimal by another decimal.

Students, remember to complete your 2 greenlight sessions on Reflex Math. Math fact fluency is so important when working with these more advanced multiplication problems!

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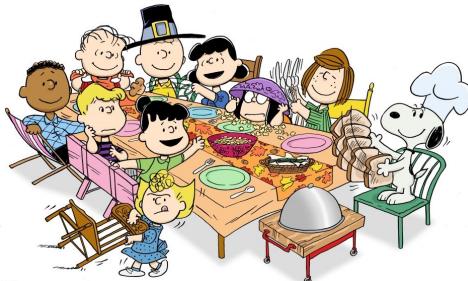
Our first Art Chat will be on November 13th. Thank you to the team of Heafey and Rhodes for volunteering.



Thank you volunteers for such a fun Halloween Party! We laminated the tic tac toe boards.

Happy Birthday!

Josh, Madeleine, Lilly, And Omar



November 2017

Important Dates

- ☺ **11/5:** Cardinal Chase
- ☺ **11/8-11/9:** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ☺ **11/9:** No School
- ☺ **11/10:** 12 pm dismissal
- ☺ **11/13-11/17:** American Education Week
- ☺ **11/15:** Parent Visitation Day
- ☺ **11/20:** Wonder Field Trip
- ☺ **11/22-11/24:** Thanksgiving Recess—No School