Dear Families,

Students have really enjoyed our non-fiction writing unit on Expert Books. Look for a new way to share with families through an app called Seesaw later this week. Moving on in Writer’s Workshop, we’ll start working on a new story – a first person narrative about something that really happened to us. We’ll be reading stories like big Moon Tortilla to help us focus on some sensory words, and then will continue through the writing process over the next few weeks to brainstorm, pre-write, write, revise, edit and publish a Small Moment story. One of the most enjoyable parts of this unit is sharing it with a special stuffed animal, quilt or blankie. Mo Willems wrote a trilogy of small moments based on his daughter’s special friend, “Knufflebunny.” We’ll read the stories this week, and can bring in our own stuffed animal to write about/with on Wednesday 11/6!

The kids love this day each year, but we do ask for ONE stuffie or blankie per child, please, or we tend to get over-run!

The Scholastic News features Mo Willems and has a powerful message of how grit and resilience can really take a person far. We encourage kids to do their personal best and to keep working through hard things too!

We also work hard on problem solving in math, with a fun bunch of number puzzles called Magic Squares (“invented” by Ben Franklin) showing up this week. Unit 3 continues in math with more place value work, counting money, and moving into some data collection and analysis.

We are in need of donations for our Field Trip and Planner fund! We ask for $25 from each family in order to facilitate field trips to the Ordway Theater, the Como Zoo, the Bell Museum and the Physics Force, as well as to pay for the planners. We are significantly short this year and are asking families to please donate whatever they can. Thank you!!! Team Two

**General Information:**

- Specialist classes: PE, S, M, AI, PE
- 11/3 Daylight Savings Turn your clocks back
- 11/5 Election Day
- **11/6 STUFFIE DAY!**
- 11/6 Book Orders Due GZR7Z
- 11/11 Backwards Day
- 11/12 Silly Socks Day
- 11/13 Wear the Rainbow Day
- 11/13 Public Library
- 11/14 SAP Spirit Day
- 11/13&14 Evening Conferences 3:00 – 6:00
- 11/15 No School Day Conferences
- 11/18 Ordway Theater 10:00
- The weekly newsletter can be found on the school website: [https://www.spps.org/domain/237](https://www.spps.org/domain/237)

Best, Ms. Lee and Mr. Lor  

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