

# Mrs. Jasiczek's Newsletter

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## October Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 - Music  11:00 Midwest Foods	3 - Art	4 - Art	5 - Art  Gathering @ 3:20
7 - Art  EDL begins	8 - Art  11:00 Midwest Foods	9 - Music	10 - Music	11 - Music  Gathering @ 3:20
14 - Drama/Dance	15 - Drama/Dance  11:00 Midwest Foods	16 - Drama/Dance	17  MEA - No School	18
21 - Music	22 - Music	23 - Art  Unity Day	24 - Art  Global Arts Plus - Carnival 5 - 7	25  No School - Conference prep day
28 - Art	29 - Art	30 - Music	31 - Art	

Upcoming Important dates:

Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Picture Retake

TBD (In November) - Conferences

Thursday/Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> - No School, Thanksgiving

**Happy Fall!**

**It was a great start to the school year. We have worked on our Hopes and Dreams for this school year. They will be hanging outside of our classroom, so come take a look and read what we want to work on this year. We have also spent time discussing and going over Guidelines for Respectful Discussions. These include: Active Listening, Agree to Disagree, How to show respect to others, Step Back/Step Forward and Take Turns. Ask your child what these things mean in our classroom. We have had some good conversations.**

**October is Unity month. This means coming together against bullying. From the Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center, "*ORANGE provides a powerful, visually compelling expression of solidarity,*" said Paula Goldberg, Executive Director of PACER Center. "*Whether it's hundreds of individuals at a school wearing ORANGE, store owners offering ORANGE products, or a community changing a landmark to ORANGE, the vibrant statement becomes a conversation starter, sending the supportive, universal message that bullying is never acceptable behavior.*" **So, I will be wearing Orange on Wednesdays to show support for this. Please join me if you can.****

**With the fall upon us the weather will continue to get cold. We will go outside unless it is raining or below zero. Please help remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather.**

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**Reading:** We will be working on reading nonfiction (NF) texts. We will be learning about NF text features and think about big questions when reading nonfiction. These questions are: What am I looking for?, What do I want to know?, What surprised me?, What did the author want me to know?, What challenged, changed, or confirmed what I thought? In the process, we will learn about Canada. We will also be starting Book Groups.

**Math:** We have worked on Addition and Subtraction. Everyone did such an amazing job explaining their thinking. We will move into Place Values, and Multiplication. We will take our Quarter 1 assessment on these topics sometime at the end of October. ***Fact Triangles are coming home today, please work with your child on memorizing these facts.***

**Writing:** We have listened to Oral Stories from other cultures. We have listened to our family stories and we have now written our own Personal Narratives. We are in the process of adding details and dialogue and making sure there is a beginning/middle/end to our story. We will be practicing them and get ready to share our story as if it is an oral story that can be passed on from generation to generation. Our next writing unit will be Personal Essays. We will be reading nonfiction articles to help us write these essays.