



C.U.S.D. # 202
Schiesher Elementary School



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Room 18

News in Mrs. Hicks' Room for the Weeks of October 24, 2011

Homeroom: It is Red Ribbon Week! Please participate in the following spirit days:

Tuesday: Pajamas

Wednesday: Wear Red

Thursday: Bring a Stuffed Animal (that fits into backpack)

Friday: Sports Day (team hats allowed)

Halloween is next Monday. Students bring costumes to school. Please remember that gore and violence are not allowed. We will change into costumes and be ready to parade around the school at 10:30. The party will follow the parade. Dismissal is at 11:45.

Math: We are working on making change this week in math. Please continue to practice basic facts at home. There will be a test over Topic 1 on Thursday. A study guide will be sent home on Tuesday.

Language Arts: We will continue to work on recognizing text features during shared reading and we will begin meeting in small groups. I will introduce a new spelling list this week and test over it the following week. I will also give a pretest over these words to determine which students will not need to take this test in two weeks. We will continue to review content vocabulary such as social studies and science. Remember to turn in your reading log on Friday! **The contest ends on November 9th. Please check the chart in the front of the assignment notebook for updated totals.**

Science: We will continue to learn about simple machines this week. We will investigate force and friction and learn about levers, pulleys, and the wheel and axle.

Social Studies: Please keep working on your state project. It is due on November 1st. Please note that this is the day after Halloween so a good goal would be to finish by Sunday the 30th. Remember to complete the Category List and turn it in with the project. Also remember, if you list something on the Category List, it must also be included on the project. Students will also need to be prepared to give a short oral presentation about their project. A rubric will be sent home so that you can plan accordingly. Basically, students need to briefly share what state was studied and what information was learned and illustrated on the project. If you have any questions about the project please



contact me as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the last minute. **A test covering the information we learned about Illinois will be on Thursday. A study guide will come home on Tuesday.**

Other Reminders: There are 2 tests this week so there won't be much other homework. Please help your students study for these tests. If you follow the study guides I send home you will be prepared for the test. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. My email is dhicks@lisle202.org.