



The Gurdraza Gazette

November 30th – December 4th

Teacher Notes

- Thank you so much for coming to Parent Teacher Conferences! It was wonderful to discuss your children's progress.

Questions/Comments:

Mrs. Podraza - cpodraza@lisle202.org

Ms. Gurss - agurss@lisle202.org

Important Dates

December 4 - Last Day to record pages for "Pennies For Pages."

December 8 - "Pennies For Pages" money is due

December 7 - 11 - Book Fair

December 17 - "Pennies for Pages" Celebration

December 18 - Winter Parties

December 18 - January 3 - Winter Break

Mrs. Podraza – Language Arts

The students will continue practicing questioning this week. They will be practicing asking "thick vs. thin" questions. In guided reading, the students will continue reading different books from the fantasy genre which include: *The City of Ember*, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, *The Good, the Bad, and the Goofy*, and *the Littles*. In Writing the students will begin writing a new persuasive essay about school uniforms. Ask your child what their "stance" is on the issue.

Ms. Gurss - Language Arts

Our class will start reading *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry this week. Students will lead literature circle groups and discussion as we read. After the winter break, students will begin a choice novel study based around WWII. Students will begin Independent Study projects in January. Topics will be chosen in the next couple of weeks. We will also continue working on helping and linking verbs. Our Top Secret persuasive essays will be completed by next Friday!

Mrs. Podraza – Math

The students will continue Unit 4 which covers fractions. They will be learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers. There will be a review quiz on Friday over everything we have learned so far. A review packet will come home on Thursday night. The students will be taking their second Continental Math test on Thursday.

Ms. Gurss - Math

Students have completed chapter 4-Long Division. Please continue to review basic facts with your children. We move on to Chapter 5- 2 digit divisors. Students will also continue with the Math Practice Weekly worksheets. Please keep making sure your child has all their math homework in their backpack for the next day!

Social Studies

The students will be creating their own "Mayflower Compacts" to understand the importance of having rules in starting a new country. We will be finishing Chapter Five in preparation for our test coming up next week.

Science

The students will be completing their first lab of the Water Cycle Unit.

Wall of Fame

Mrs. Podraza Language Arts - Caitlin, Skylar, Cory, Ramses, Calli, Parker, Timmy, Jorge, Christian

Mrs. Podraza Spelling (100%) - Andy, Katie, Timmy, Aryaman

Miss Gurss' Spelling- Cheyenne, Jorge, Destany, Makanda, Monisha, Shivangi, Steven, Erin, Trevor, Jessica, Ben

Miss Gurss' Language Arts- All students passed their Vocabulary quizzes!

Character Counts Corner

Christian – He gave back a reading reward ticket that he found on the floor instead of keeping it. (trustworthiness)

Andy – He helped out the janitor to clean out the bathroom. (citizenship)

Miss Gurss' Class- They all deserve credit for helping to get ready for report cards and parent/teacher conferences! Thank you for your help!

Weekly Vocabulary

improvise flair exclusive notion melodious swanky lucrative forte

There is a test over these words on Friday.

Miss Gurss' Language Arts Class-Caesar's English Stems/Vocabulary:

Placid, Singular, Amiable, Incredulous, Peplex