

# SARATOGA NEWS

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Our mission at Saratoga is to help each student achieve success as we serve and support students and parent educators.

## OCTOBER'S CHARACTER FOCUS IS CONSERVATION

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY AND EXCITING START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR. SEPTEMBER WAS FULL OF NEW LEARNING PLANS, NEW ROUTINES, NEW TEACHERS, AND MANY NEW FAMILIES JOINING OUR PROGRAM.

LAST MONTH WE KICKED OFF OUR CHARACTER FIRST CURRICULUM WITH THE TRAIT OF **ATTENTIVENESS**. THIS WAS A GREAT TRAIT TO START WITH SINCE IT PROVIDED SOME COMMON VOCABULARY AMONG THE TEACHERS AT SCHOOL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REINFORCE ATTENTIVENESS AS WE MOVE INTO OUR NEW CHARACTER TRAIT THIS MONTH. PLEASE VISIT THE CHARACTER FIRST WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH TRAIT AND TO DOWNLOAD ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO AT HOME.

<http://characterfirsteducation.com>

YOU CAN ALSO FIND PRINTED HANDOUTS UNDER OUR CHARACTER POSTER IN THE MAIN BUILDING.

### **RECYCLING ROCK STARS**

SARATOGA HAD OUR FIRST ASSEMBLY! LAST WEEK STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A FUN, INFORMATIVE, AND HIGH ENERGY ASSEMBLY ABOUT THE "4 R'S": *RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE*.

THE ASSEMBLY WAS A HUGE HIT AND WAS A GREAT WAY TO START OFF OUR MONTH.



### IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

- ALL SCHOOL RECYCLING ASSEMBLY-10/1
- MATH MAP TESTING FOR PRIMARY GRADES –TUESDAY 10/6
- UNDERSTANDING MAP DATA-TUESDAY 10/13 9:15-10:00AM
- ALL AGES PLAYDATE AT HERITAGE PARK-WEDNESDAY 10/21 @ 1:00-2:20PM
- SCHOOL PICTURES-FRIDAY, 10/23 AT 8:30-11:00 THE MAIN BUILDING.
- WINGS PROGRESS REPORTS DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, 10/26
- PARENT PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY TEAM (PPAT) MEETING-10/29 2:30-3:30PM

## PPAT MEETING-OCT. 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 2:30

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR PROGRAM? JOIN OUR PARENT PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY TEAM (PPAT). THIS IS A SMALL, CASUAL GROUP THAT WILL MEET HERE AT SARATOGA APPROXIMATELY 6 TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO TALK ABOUT TOPICS IMPORTANT TO OUR PROGRAM. I WILL SEND AN INVITE VIA EMAIL, PLEASE RSVP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US!

### TO PRACTICE CONSERVATION I WILL:

- SAVE FOR THE FUTURE.
- SPEND MONEY WISELY.
- MAKE GOOD USE OF WHAT I ALREADY HAVE.
- REPAIR, REUSE, AND RECYCLE.

## WHAT IS MAP TESTING?

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP) ARE K-12 INTERIM ASSESSMENTS THAT MEASURE GROWTH AND INFORM YOU OF YOUR CHILD'S STRENGTHS AND GOAL AREAS IN THE SUBJECTS OF READING AND MATH.

MAP IS COMPUTER ADAPTIVE, MEANING QUESTIONS WILL GET EASIER OR HARDER DEPENDING ON YOUR CHILD'S RESPONSES.

WE ADMINISTER THE MAP TEST 3 TIMES A YEAR. THIS ALLOWS PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO USE THE RESULTS TO SET YEAR-LONG GOALS. WE ARE COMPLETING OUR MAP TESTING THIS WEEK! YOUR CHILD'S DETAILED MAP RESULTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE THIS WEEK. WE WILL SEND RESULTS HOME AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

IF YOUR CHILD MISSED TESTING, PLEASE SCHEDULE A TIME WITH SUE FOR TEST MAKE-UPS.

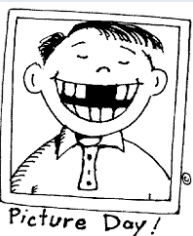
### UNDERSTANDING MAP DATA OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:15AM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO READ AND USE THE MAP DATA PLEASE ATTEND THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING. YOU CAN ALSO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH YOUR TEACHER CONSULTANT, CONTACT MRS. MCDANIEL.

### PICTURE DAY!

SCHOOL PICTURES WILL BE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> FOR **ALL GRADES**. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND CLASSES ON FRIDAY WILL NEED TO STOP BY SOME TIME BETWEEN 8:30-11:00AM TO GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN.

ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A STUDENT ID CARD. PARENTS MAY ALSO PURCHASE A CARD FOR \$1.



PICTURE PACKETS WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASS?

### LANGUAGE ARTS

On Tuesdays we've been reading a different book each week and looking at the conflict in each story. In Kindergarten the students practice saying the vowels and have been introduced to all the sounds of 'a' and 'e'. We also have been practicing the days of the week. In first grade the students have been introduced to ee, th, sh, ay and ur. Second graders are reviewing nouns and we will be loosely follow First Language Lesson 2/3 this year. We have also learned what a collage is and the 1st and 2nd graders have done a few collage projects. Thursday and Friday classes have started the Writing and Rhetoric books and are just completing lesson two. On the first week of each lesson we have had great discussions about the story and practice narrating the story back. The second week has been so fun, as we have taken parts of the story, changed it, and acted it out! Some of the students have enjoyed this more than others, but all of them have participated and done great.

### SCIENCE

UPCOMING TOPICS FOR THIS MONTH:

K-2- LIQUIDS AND SOLIDS

### SCIENCE, CONTINUED:

3<sup>RD</sup> -6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE-METRIC MEASUREMENTS USING EQUIPMENT FROM THE SCIENCE LAB: LENGTH, VOLUME, MASS AND TEMPERATURE.

7<sup>TH</sup> -8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE-COMPARE THE USE OF LIGHT YEARS AND ASTRONOMICAL UNITS AS APPROPRIATE MEASUREMENTS FOR SPACE DISTANCES. THEY WILL ALSO BE USING MATH SKILLS TO COMPUTE SPACE TRAVEL, TIME AND DISTANCE.

HIGH SCHOOL-SIGNIFICANT FIGURES, GEOMETRY OF ORBITS, AND MEASURING ELLIPSES USING THE MAJOR AXIS, ECCENTRICITY AND FOCI.

### MATH

UPCOMING TOPICS FOR THIS MONTH:

K-2-PUMPKINS, MEASURING, COUNTING, GROUPS OF 10.

3<sup>RD</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE-MULTIPLICATION & DIVISION, AREA MODELS MEASUREMENT UNITS.

5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE-DECIMALS AND FRACTIONS

6<sup>TH</sup> -8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE-MENTAL MATH, POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE NUMBERS, PROBLEM SOLVING.

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