

November 4, 2022

Some Dates of Note:

No School on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th.

Fall Conference Sign-Up: Next **Thursday, November 10th** is the school-wide date for when conference sign-ups “go live.” On that day, I will send out a *SignUpGenius* link to you in an e-mail.

Celebrate Education Activity: On **Monday, November 14th, from 10:15-11:00**, you are invited to join us for a map making activity.

School Store is November 30th, from 12:40 to 1:00.

Dear Parents,

I hope this note finds you and your family happy, well, and enjoying autumn! The year is rolling along, and the class has been focused and hard at work on a great variety of things. I have to say that it brings me joy to come to school each day to work with this great bunch of students, and I hope that they feel the same. 😊

❖ **What We Have Been Working On**

In **science**, we are just beginning a unit on *Energy*. We will focus on eight forms of energy that fall into two categories: potential and kinetic. Students will be taking notes and engaging in some hands-on science activities. There will be an assessment at the end of the unit.

In **reading**, students are wrapping up Unit 1 (*Journeys*) in MyView. They will be taking the “end of unit assessment,” next week. There is nothing to study for. We will be beginning Unit 2 (*Observations*), the following week.

In **language arts**, our focus is currently on “informative writing.” Students are currently wrapping up a 5-6 paragraph paper on a Native American tribe. Generally speaking, the class has been working diligently to follow the process modeled and their pieces are reflecting this effort. I am proud of them! Next, we will work with some poetry.

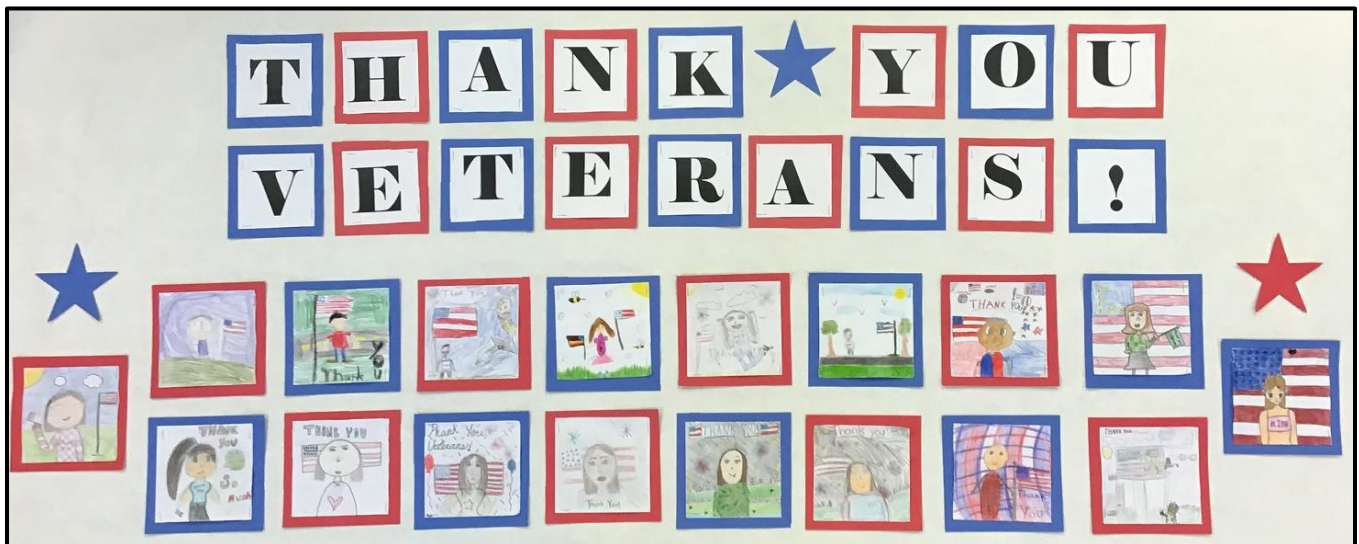
In **math**, my math class is working in Chapter 2, with adding and subtracting fractions.

❖ Conferences

December 12th and 13th are half-days for students and the afternoons have been set aside for conferences. Additional timeslots for conferences will also be available. More details will be provided on November 10th, when the link to the *SignUpGenius* is sent and goes live.

❖ Veterans' Day

Tomorrow, we celebrate Veterans' Day at Bridge Valley. I want to give a *shout out* to any veterans reading this. Thank you for your service. Below, is a banner our class made to greet the veterans who will be visiting our building.



❖ Reading at Home

This is just a reminder that a portion (roughly 20-30 minutes) of each evening's 50 minutes of homework, entails your child reading independently. I know how easy it is to fall out of the habit of doing so, and simply wanted to give you a reminder. This is a great opportunity for students to read library books from the school or local library. 😊

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Know that I will contact you if any concerns arise on my end.

May your heart find peace- no matter how
tumultuous the world around you,
Mr. VanZant