

# Mrs. Courtney's Room 17 News

## October 2010

Dear Parents,

A special thank you for joining us for our Open House. The students love to share their "home away from home" with you. I hope you enjoyed meeting your child's "twin." I am looking forward to a great October.

### Important Dates

October:

- 11- Book Orders Due
- 14- Pen Pal Breakfast  
(Wear your green & white)
- 15 – Grandparent's Day  
12:00-1:30
- 18- Parent/Teacher Conf.
- 19 – Field Trip Connor Prairie
- 21-22 – Fall Break
- 29 – Fall Party 1:00  
Movie Night

### **BIRTHDAYS**



**October 28 – Cole**  
**31 - Sasha**

### **Scholastic Book Order**

Today your child has a Scholastic book order form. Scholastic offers wonderful books at great prices. Book orders are due by Monday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.



### **Snacks**

A special thank you to all who have donated snacks. The children definitely enjoy them each day. We have 24 students in our class.



Congratulations to the following students who did not move their paw in September: Sasha, Olivia, Abby, Sam and Spencer.

### **Accelerated Reader/ READING WALL OF FAME**



The purpose of Accelerated Reader is to improve reading comprehension. **I expect each student to read a book and pass at least one test each week.** They can take a test every morning and during our S.S.R. time. The children should take their A.R. book home every night and bring it back to school every day. They have time to read daily at school. At this time each book is worth one point. **Congratulations to our Reading Wall of Fame members:**

#### 10 Points

\*Claire\* Mia \*Robby \*Nolan \*Cole  
\*Alex \*Payton \*Samara \*Andrew

#### 20 Points

\*Micah \*Jamony \*Sam

#### 30 Points

\*Carson \*Sasha

#### 40 Points

\*Abby \*Maya

#### 50 Points

\*Hudson

#### 60 Points

\*Olivia



### **Techno Spud Project**

Our class will be participating in the Techno Spuds O.R.E.O. stacking project on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to see our stacking skills. Thank you to all who have contributed Oreos for this special project!



### **Football Pen Pals**

Our class has football pen pals from Yorktown High School. We received a letter from our pen pal and then we wrote to them. On Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> we will be walking to the high school to have a special treat with them. Please have your child wear their green and white tiger wear for this day.

### **WHAT WE'RE LEARNING THIS MONTH...**

**READING** – The class will be reading realistic fiction, a folk tale, and a fairy tale this month. We will concentrate on the following comprehension skills and strategies:

- \*character and setting
- \*sequencing
- \*main idea and details
- \*text structure
- \*realism and fantasy
- \*drawing conclusions

### **SPELLING/PHONICS...**

The students will work on the following skills:

- \*r-controlled vowels(ar,or,ore,er,ir,ur)
- \*Contractions
- \*Plurals (adding –s and –es)
- \*Consonant digraphs (th, sh, wh, ch)
- \*Long a (a, ai, ay)

**SOCIAL STUDIES**- The class will learn about cultural heritage this month. We will experience this first hand as we visit Conner Prairie.

**SCIENCE**-This month we will be observing and identifying different features of plants and animals. We will investigate by observing how animals and plants sometimes cause changes in their surroundings.

**ENGLISH**-Nouns, Nouns, Nouns! This month we will be emphasizing nouns. We will learn about nouns, proper nouns, singular and plural nouns, plural nouns that change spelling and possessive nouns.

**MATH**- In Math we will continue to work with the math facts. We will also reinforce place value. We will continue working with fractions and telling time to the half hour. In addition we will continue working with money – pennies, dimes and nickels.

**Have a great month! If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at home or at school!**

**Mrs. Courtney☺**

