

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Monday Oct. 13th- NO SCHOOL:** Parent/teacher conferences TK-8th grades. Preschool Teacher In-service
- **Wednesday Oct. 22nd-Aviators** trip to Constitution Village
- **Thursday November 6th- Holiday Pictures**
- **Thursday November 27th & Friday November 28th- NO School Thanksgiving Holiday**

Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater presents Charlotte's Web Oct. 10-12 & 17-19, 2008. 1:30, 5 & 7 p.m on varying dates. All the enchanting characters will be there: the cute young pig Wilbur, Fern, Templeton, the Arables, and the spider Charlotte. Two former CDS students are performing in the play. Templeton is being played by Phillip Schrimsher a graduate of CDS and Fern is being played by Hannah Shelton who attended Preschool at CDS. For more information call 539-6829 or visit the web site at: www.letthemagicbegin.org

Friday News

OCTOBER 10TH, 2008



Money Concepts To Convey To Your Child

The topic of money is a big one. Where do you start? How do you go about teaching it? For the most part, all money education is focused on certain general topics:

Earning money. This means putting in personal time and effort to receive payment.

Saving money. This means setting aside money today so that it will be there in the future.

Spending money. This means using money that's been earned or saved to pay for things.

Borrowing money. This means using money that will have to be repaid in the future at more than what was originally received.

According to some child experts, a parent can start explaining about earning money, saving money, and spending money as soon as children can speak. Kids probably can't understand what borrowing is

about until they're in elementary school and can appreciate what interest on borrowing really means.

Financial Building Blocks

According to a nationwide survey of high school students sponsored by Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, almost 60 percent of the kids surveyed said that they learned about managing their money "at home from my family." This compares with only 11 percent who said that they learned about money management at school.

Monkey Sees and Hears—and Monkey Does

By now, it's not news to you that your child picks up on just about everything you do and say. You're the

main example of how to act. Whether consciously or unconsciously, your child will mimic your behavior.

When it comes to learning about money, how you act with it and what you say about it is perhaps the most influential thing you can do to instruct your child. This means that you should be sensitive to what you say and do about money matters; you're in a unique position to have a positive (or negative) influence on your child's ability to handle money.

Your actions and words about money should be consistent. If you say one thing but do another, your child will see through this hypocrisy very quickly. On the other hand, consistency will reinforce all your efforts; what you say will support what you do, and vice versa.

Don't forget to stop by the library next week and visit the fall book fair.



October had a party; the leaves by hundreds came; The ashes, oaks and maples, And those of every name.

George Cooper



Falls Mill 2008



The Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria



Christopher Columbus departed from Spain on August 3, 1492, on a fleet of three ships: the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. Nina and Pinta were both smaller, sleeker ships, called caravels. Santa Maria was a larger, round-hulled ship, called a nao. Columbus himself sailed on, and piloted, the Santa Maria. Together, the three ships carried about 120 men, equipment and supplies. The first Columbus Day celebration was held in 1792, when New York City celebrated the 300th anniversary of his landing

New Teacher at CDS



Mrs. Colleen Johnson has joined our staff this week. We are really glad to have her and know she will become one of our student's favorites. She will use her degrees in art to act as our new Preschool Studio teacher and also teach Art to the whole school. She will also lead the older Kid's Club in the afternoons. We have been searching for just the right replacement for Mr. Tym Davis who

held the position last year. Mr. Davis is now teaching high school art in public school in Birmingham. Mrs. Johnson has a background in fine arts and design. She brings a lot of technology integration and graphic design experience which should give the students many new areas to explore. She is presently working on her Masters in Art Education. We appreciate Mrs. Catherine Torres-Sisko filling in for us until a permanent teacher could be hired. Please help us make her feel welcome.

A Fun Time for All

We would like to thank all our families and friends for joining us at Falls Mills last weekend for the Back to School Family Outing. We had a wonderful time and we couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather to go with the fall sights.

If you have any pictures that you want to share with us we would love to have them.



Happy Columbus Day

in the New World. In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison called upon the people of the United States to celebrate Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of the event. Some Italian Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage, the first occasion being in New York City on October 12, 1866. Columbus Day was popularized as a holiday in the United States by a lawyer, a son of Genoese immigrants who came to California. During the 1850s, Genoese immigrants settled and built ranches along the Sierra Nevada foothills. As the gold ran out, these

skilled "Cal-Italians", from the Apennines, were able to prosper as self-sufficient farmers in the Mediterranean climate of Northern California. San Francisco has the second oldest Columbus Day celebration, with Italians having commemorated it there since 1869. Knight of, Congress and President Franklin D. Roosevelt set aside Columbus Day, October 12, as a Federal Holiday. Since 1971, the holiday has been commemorated in the U.S. on the second Monday in October, the same day as Thanksgiving in neighboring Canada.

The Autumn Leaf Special

Chattanooga's Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum will host their 41st Annual "Autumn Leaf Special" on October 4, 11, 18 and 25 and November 1, 2 and 8. Powered by an authentic full sized steam locomotive #610 follows a 100 mile round trip giving passengers a chance to admire the wonderful fall colors of Lookout Mountain and the rural countryside toward Summerville, Georgia, passing through the towns of Rossville, Chickamauga, Rock Spring, Noble, LaFayette, and Trion, Georgia. A dining car luncheon complete with chinaware is served inside the dining car. 'Travelers Fare.' Tickets range from \$80 to \$150. The train departs Grand Junction Station at 9 am. For more information call 423-894-8028 or go to:

A much shorter 6 mile, 55 minute round trip fall excursion on Chattanooga's "Missionary Ridge Local" will take passengers along one of the original rail lines and through the historical Missionary Ridge Tunnel. The Missionary Ridge Local departs from Grand Junction Station. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$8 for children. For more information call 423-894-8028 or visit www.tvrail.com. The North Alabama Railroad museum also offers a fall foliage train rides. For pricing and information-visit: www.northalabamarailroadmuseum.com.



Voyager News

October 13th- October 17th

No School Monday, October 13, 2008
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tests and Assignments:

Tues: Final Draft of Vacation Paper Due
Thurs: Vocabulary Test
Fri: Current Event

STAR Testing:

Last week all elementary students took their fall STAR Reading and Math tests. These are standardized assessments which we administer in the fall and spring of each school year. STAR results help us chart the academic growth of each individual student. Fall results will be discussed at your parent-teacher conference on Monday.



History:

We just finished a very successful unit on Alabama Geography. We will take a short break from Alabama History to learn about elections, voting, and government.

Language Arts:

We have begun learning the five steps of the writing process while writing the first paper of the year. The students decided to write about their summer vacations for this paper. The students did prewriting activities, wrote their first drafts, shared them with their classmates during revision, and then learned editing symbols to edit their work. Students will work on their final drafts this weekend, and they will be due on Tuesday.

French:

This week in French we again practiced our numbers. Since many of the students still seem to need practice, our quiz over 1-1000 has been moved to next week. Please encourage your child to use the resource at <http://french.about.com/library/begin/bl-numbers.htm> to assist them in remembering these numbers. We will also be having our bi-weekly trivia quiz next week.

Art:

In art class this week we learned all about Georgia O'keefle and her abstract floral compositions. The students were introduced to her floral designs and learned specific art terminology about her works.

Vocabulary Words

depart
perish
absurd

intercept
prosper
accelerate

introduce
ripple
accurate

penetrate
topple
bland