

# Newsletter

September 25th, 2015

## Happy September Birthdays!



### Maker Fair Atlanta

Save the Date! Maker Faire Atlanta is taking place on Saturday, October 3rd from 10am-5pm and Sunday, October 4th from 12pm-5pm. This fun, family-friendly event is a great way to get a taste of making, tinkering, and designing. Best of all, Lovett will have a booth there.

Register for free [here](#).

It might be a good idea to attach flash drives to something, so they can be easily spotted and not so easily lost! We do not have additional drives to give out. Please replace the flash drive if it is lost. Thank you

## Updates, Reminders, & FYIs

### This Week

- ✓Monday through Friday is G through D Days.
- ✓Monday - Chapel

### FYIs... 👁️👁️

\* The students will be going up to the tennis courts for PE for the next three weeks. Students should be dressed for the changing outdoor temperatures.

\*MJMKW is our class Scholastic Book Club code. Please keep this number handy if you prefer to order books online.

The "Papers to be Signed and Returned" form was not sent home on Friday. There were no papers that needed to be signed and returned.

Please visit the Scrapbook on our class website for some great pictures throughout the year!

# Here's What We Are Studying

## Math

Unit 3: is called, *Multiplication and Division, Number Sentences, and Algebra*. The students will be focusing on the multiplication and division fact families. Understanding the importance of knowing these “turn around facts” when solving problems with missing numbers is essential.

We are trying to include Mad Minute basic fact check-ups 2 to 3 times a week. We started the year off with addition. Students should be in subtraction at this point. If your child is not, (Look at the papers in the Friday Folder.) then the weekly math goal should be to work on 1 or 2 of the fact families that slow him/her down. Using flash cards is the best method to improve automaticity. Only focus on the fact families that cause “clunks!”

## Writer's Workshop

### Focus: Personal Narrative

(Small Moment Writing)

Writers are in the final stretch of completing their stories. The students revisit their pieces each time we have a mini-lesson. Looking for and/or creating compound sentences that are punctuated correctly and stretching “telling” sentences to “showing” sentences were the focus last week. The writers are currently working on leads.

All pieces will be printed this work for peer and teacher conferencing. Final revisions and editing will follow. All stories must be turned in on Wednesday.

**Word Study** - The Sort 3 Quiz will be given on Thursday. Students need to be prepared to write about the “Noticings” and spell their PSWs correctly.

**Weekly Writing** - The stories should be read out loud this weekend to their grandparents to make sure the writing is authentic and well-developed. The grandparent's voice and personality should shine through their story. Elaboration is the key.

## Reader's Workshop

The next book club gathering is on Monday. There will be another meeting on Friday. Clubbers need to meet their reading and writing goals in advance of these dates.

We completed our class read aloud, *Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo. We spent a lot of time talking about the symbolism and deeper meaning in the passages of this wonderful story about growing up, facing life's challenges, and in doing so, finding yourself.

The reading response for *Tiger Rising* is due by Tuesday. The guidelines are archived below the newsletter.

## Social Studies

Our new unit, “Early Exploration,” launched with a look at the Vikings. That was fun! Videos and interactive sites enriched the learning experience. Now the students are reading about Johannes Gutenberg and the impact of his printing press. The students will be learning how Marco Polo and Christopher Columbus influenced exploration.

The study guide will be provided this week.