



First Grade

News

What's Happening in
Mrs. Gascon's Classroom



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Issue 3: Busy October!



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PTO Silent Auction Baskets

For the PTO Silent Auction, we are going to pamper the pets! To raise money for our classroom, our class is responsible for putting together two pet baskets to auction off on November 10th. Last year, we had enough items to put together one cat, one dog and one FISH basket. To fill the baskets, we need your support! Starting Monday, you can send in toys, treats, pet store/ grooming gift cards or any other items you would like to include in our pet baskets. All ideas are welcome! Last year, we had a couple big-ticket items including a fish tank with supplies and a dog bed. The more items we have, the more money we will raise for creative learning opportunities in the classroom! Please submit all pet items by Friday, November 2nd. I am also looking for a couple parents who would be willing to help organize and put together the items after school on Friday, November 2nd. Thank you for all your support!

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Mrs. Gascon's Reminders

I am Special Books DUE

Time to add the finishing touches to your books. All "I Am Special" books are due Monday!

Apple Orchard Field Trip

The field trip will be on Thursday, October 25th. Please send a *sack lunch* with your child and *layer their clothing*. On field trips, the students are allowed to wear jeans and an ICA sweatshirt.

Reading Groups

Look for leveled books in the FISH Binder next week!

Shoes

Extra homework, practice tying those shoes at home!

Halloween Party Update!

Our First Grade Halloween Party is full of fun centers for the students. Our centers include a Sensory Activity about Monsters, Bingo, a Halloween Creation Station and a Q-Tip Skeleton Craft. To help our party run smoothly, I need at least four volunteers but would be happy to have any other parents who would like to attend. Please make a note in the FISH binder by **Wednesday** if you would like to volunteer or send in any food or supplies. If you indicate that you would like to bring something in or help, I will contact you with the details of what to bring in! One request that we have for the Halloween and all other first grade parties is to keep all younger siblings at home. We would like to include everyone but our classroom size is limited. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Odds and Ends

Gold Star Day

During the first quarter, students who earn 90% of their Star Points will earn Gold Star Day. Wonder how your child is doing so far? Find the Quarter 1 Total on the Star Report and divide by Quarter 1 Possible Points. That will give your child's current percentage of Star Points. At this point in the quarter, all of the first graders have enough points to earn Gold Star Day! Remember your belt, homework, your best behavior and effort and you will be on your way to the celebration!

Lunch/ Playground Help

ICA is looking for volunteers to help during recess and lunch (11:30-12:15.) Please let me know if you are interested in helping.