



## UE2 October Newsletter

October 14, 2011

### HISTORY/CULTURE

This month, both fifth and sixth years will continue our discussion of South America as we continue to focus on history post-colonization and the geography of the southern part of the continent.

### SCIENCE

Fifth years will be continuing our discussion of erosion and landforms; we will start moving into discussions of habitats and ecosystems as we move into November. Fifth years should continue to work on their science level C projects, their required science reading, and be working through chapter 2 in their Competitive Edge EOG workbook.

Sixth years are continuing to become more familiar with the Earth's lithosphere. We have been discussing soil composition and the soil horizons and will move into discussions of plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes as November approaches. Sixth years should continue working on their level C projects and focus on completing their required science assignments.

### MATH

Students are working proficiently through their Singapore math assignments in their math groups. Within the classroom, we are helping students as necessary.



Dear UE2 Families:

We can't believe it is already October! We are settling back into our class routine after the autumn intersession and look forward to more successful weeks to come. Please don't forget to congratulate your student for participating in the class-wide intersession reading program – 22 of our 24 students participated, and together they read over 4000 pages during the break! They enjoyed a pizza party on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and were congratulated by Leila Wheless, our Reading Groups coordinator, over the intercom school-wide.

Thank you to all families who donated brownies to our upper elementary bake sale. The students enjoyed a week of advertizing culminating with a successful sale on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We raised over \$230.00!!

We have several fun events coming up:

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.: Board Meeting

October 24<sup>th</sup>: The United Artists writer in residence will be here for the week

October 26<sup>th</sup>: Cici's Pizza Family Night

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 3:00: Fall Festival at Spring Forest Road Park

November 1<sup>st</sup>: United Arts Counsel Artist performance

## HEALTH

We have started some preliminary discussions on health and nutrition, and continue to discuss such through the months of October and November. As we continue to move through our discussions of health, we will discuss keeping both our bodies and our minds healthy.

## GRAMMAR

We are in the process of determining our grammar groups. Some groups will be revisiting and discussing parts of speech in more depth. Other groups will continue parsing and higher functions of words, moving into sentence analysis.

## WRITING AND COMPOSITION

Students are continuing to work on their weekly autobiographies. Additionally, we are wrapping up our unit on narrative writing, with students producing a final draft of their stories this week. For our narrative writing, the process included a pre-writing story may, first draft, second draft, peer review, and (finally) the final draft. Mrs. Stanford will put the stories together into a UE2 Narrative Writing Book of Short Stories to share amongst the students. We are so pleased with the creativity the students have expressed in this writing assignment!

Towards the end of October, we will begin our unit on research writing. Our topic will correspond with our Level A project in history, so our research paper will be on South America.

## LITERARY CIRCLE

The students are continuing to read their required books for literary circle. All groups have started new books.



## Special Note: Sixth Years

The sixth grade planning committee and sixth year teachers have continued to work hard on organizing the sixth year trip to Washington DC in March 2012. The first deposit of \$150 was due October 14<sup>th</sup> to hold your student's spot for the trip. If you have not paid but are still planning on allowing your student to attend, please let Mrs. Stanford know as soon as possible. The second payment of \$100 is due November 4<sup>th</sup>, with subsequent payments due December 2<sup>nd</sup>, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs. Stanford ([tstanford@cemcs.org](mailto:tstanford@cemcs.org)) or Ms. Torruella ([atoruella@cemcs.org](mailto:atoruella@cemcs.org)) with any questions or concerns.

