

Atkinson's Class October 2016 Newsletter

So hard to believe that the end of first quarter will be in a few weeks. I have enjoyed teaching your children, and am looking forward to the rest of the year!

Thank you all for coming to meet with me at SEP's. It was great to be able to conference with you about your student's education. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me. I want to help your student succeed this year.

With this newsletter, I hope to keep you informed of the month's upcoming events and important dates in our classroom.

Reading:

We have just finished our first unit from the Wonders program. This week was our assessment week. There was no spelling or vocabulary assigned. We have been working on a reader's theater, writing an autobiographical sketch, and assessing reading comprehension.

Wax Museum:

Wax museum posters and notes are due Monday October 10, 2016. The wax museum will be held on Wednesday October 12 from 9:00 am until 10:20 am. I'm excited to see the presentations. I'm hearing some great things from the students.

Math:

We are partway through chapter 3. We are learning about integers, rational numbers, and how to compare and order them. I'm excited to see how well the students do on the test. They seem to grasp the idea of negative numbers, and

how they are ordered. The test will be on the week of October 17.

Science:

We are finishing up our unit on microorganisms next week. We've had some great experiments on microorganisms in class. We've studied bacteria, made bread, have questioned where mold grows best, and have seen mummification in the process. In our next unit, we will learn about heat, light, and sound. There are some great hands on experiments we will be doing in class. It's a joy to watch the students learn and grasp scientific thoughts and actions.

Social Studies:

We have been studying ancient cultures in class. Currently we are working on ancient Greece. Our next ancient civilization will be Rome, then the middle ages.

The Donors Choose project for our classroom has only \$260 left to go. Any little bit helps. This can be by anyone that wants to donate. Sharing the link with family and friends would be appreciated.

<https://www.donorschoose.org/teach/3850975?cachebust=1475790941352>

Thank you for your support of our classroom!

Dates:

10/12	Wax museum
10/20-10/21	Fall break/no school
10/26	Picture day
10/28	No School
10/31 @9:15	Halloween parade
10/31 @10:45	Class Party