

News from Room 8 --- Week of October 5 – 9

Dear Families,

It was so nice to see many of you last week at open House. I think that may have been one of the best turn-outs I've seen in quite a few years.

Here's what's happening this week in our world here at Summit:

Math:

We have started Unit 2 in our Everyday Math journals. This unit has three main areas of focus-

- to make up, represent, and solve addition and subtraction stories,
- to review and apply alternate strategies for addition and subtraction, and
- to practice addition and subtraction facts for sums and differences up to and including 10.

Literacy:

We are working in ability-based guiding reading groups now. Children read trade books as a group and then discuss and do skill work around the book in "Book activity" packets.

Reader's Auction reading:

We are up and ready to roll with Reader's Auction. You should find tickets in your child's Homework folder and please remember, it's one ticket per day (not by the book). Thanks in advance for your help with this fun activity to promote reading!

Science:

We are almost finished with our study of Monarch butterflies and will complete it with a look at extinction and what makes animals survive. Last week we explored a great website that you may want to take a look at with your child. Go to – www.nationalgeographic.com and click on "Kids" on the left –hand

side. We watched the Monarch Butterfly video, and explored some of the other animal videos on this website. It is amazing!

Reminder:

A quick reminder that tomorrow (October 6th) is Picture Day here at Summit. Everyone will be in our class picture, but if you would like to purchase additional pictures, I will need your envelope back.

I will keep it short this week. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have a question or concern. Thanks for all you do at home to support your child's education.

Sincerely,

Sue Macmillan

Ps: These letters are always available on the Summit website. Just click on the "Classroom Connections" and you will see my name.