

Third Grade News

September 18, 2014

Number Two

Upcoming Events:

- Fri., Sept. 19, 1-3:** Start model tips.
Wed., Sept. 24: Apple Gleaning: our fall community service project
Fri. Sept. 26, 1-3 Finish tips.
Tues. Sept. 23: Picture Day: Make sure to return your order form to school!
Sat. Sept. 27: Hill School Country Fair
Fri. Oct 3: All-Day Indian Projects with Michael Sotosanti
Thurs. Oct 9: Back to School Night

Reading Goals

As your children finish reading books, please encourage them to go to the Hill School webpage, click on the Arundel Family Library link, and take an AR Quiz. They may take a quiz at home or at school.

Each child has a point goal to work toward over the next six weeks. This marking period will end on Nov. 1. They earn points by answering comprehension questions correctly on the Accelerated Reader quizzes.

It is very important that the children read books within their range of fluency. We are discussing AR reading levels with each child, and helping them to master the skill of choosing appropriate books. We will discuss this with parents further at Back to School Night on October 9th and at Parent Conferences later in October.

Children are expected to read daily, and keep track on the Reading Log!



Archery with Mentors

On Tuesday, we practiced shooting arrows at targets with the help of our 8th grade mentors. Some of our students had never used a bow before, and others are quite proficient. We could tell how hard it would have been to hit a moving target, especially from horseback, as the Plains Indians did!



Animal Writing Project

This week each of the children chose an animal to research. After learning about the unique traits and lives of the animals, they will choose to write a few short pieces, experimenting with different writing genres such as poetry, informational, and narrative non-fiction.

Some chose animals because it is fierce, others selected

a cute, or beautiful, or talented animal. Some want to learn more about familiar species, while others chose intriguing animals such as the coelacanth. We look forward to reading their writing!

