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October News

What's Happening This Month

- 10/3: Learning Garden Kick-Off
- 10/9: No School – Columbus Day
- 10/18: Picture Day
- 10/26: Literacy Night 5:00 – 7:00

A Note From Ms. Tossi

- *Our community Learning Garden kick-off is Tuesday, Oct. 3rd! Please let us know if you would like to help in our garden!
- *Please encourage students to read for 45 minutes each night in order to complete reading logs. This is a nightly homework assignment.

A Peek At What We Are Learning

Reading:

Students worked hard to complete their beginning of the year assessments in reading! 6th and 7th grade students have started their novel, *Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom* and are enjoying our story so far! 8th graders have started their novel, *Inside Out and Back Again*, which is a historical fiction book about a refugee family escaping the Vietnam War. Students will be focused on author's purpose, story structure, and fact and opinion as our target skills this month. Students will also be receiving a weekly spelling list at their reading level, which they have homework for each night to help prepare for their quiz each Friday.

Writing

In writing, students are finishing up their units on summarizing notes. Students will be moving on to retelling narrative stories. So far, students should be able to add strong verbs, -ly adverbs and who-which dress-ups to their writing.