Important Dates / Events

- Wednesday, November 4
  2nd quarter begins

- Thursday, November 5
  Field trip to Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

- Wednesday, November 11
  Veteran’s Day, wear red, white, and/or blue!

- Thursday, November 12
  Report cards go home

Facts of the Month

Did you know that because the Indian Ocean lies within the tropics it has the warmest surface ocean temperature?

The first quarter has ended and we will be beginning the second quarter with a field trip to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History! Our focus is on our newest science unit, oceans. At the museum we are looking forward to visiting The Sant Ocean Hall. This is a permanent exhibit where students will discover how the ocean is essential to all life.

We continue to be committed to establishing strong parent-teacher communication. Should you ever have any questions about your child, the curricula, or just need to touch base, please feel free to contact us.

As a quick reminder, on Wednesday, November 25 students will be dismissed two hours early. Students will not be attending school on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday break.

Here is an overview of some of the things that we have planned for your child this month.

**Math**

We will continue to work on computing numbers with fluency and estimating. We will also begin to delve into the order of operations and one-step linear equations. Please continue to work with your child on practicing and internalizing math facts on a daily/weekly basis.

**Science**

In science we will be finishing our Landform Unit and moving on to the Oceans Unit. We will investigate the geological, physical, and ecological characteristics of the ocean as well as human impact on the Earth’s surface. We will learn about atoms, molecules, elements, compounds, mixtures, and solutions. As always, we will also continue to use experimental design.

**Language Arts**

We will continue to build on reading comprehension skills and strategies in both fiction and nonfiction texts. Our students are growing as authors by using the writing process, refining grammatical practices, and learning how to elaborate and persuade.
Did you know that the Silk Road connected Ancient Rome and Ancient China allowing goods and customs to change hands?

Did you know that the Chinese have used chopsticks for over 4,000 years?

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**Social Studies**
Looking at the past in relation to the modern world. This month, students will complete and celebrate the DIG Project.

Students will next demonstrate their understanding of how the people and events of the past have impacted our modern world through their exploration of two of the following Ancient cultures:
- Mesopotamia
- India
- China

Students will show their understanding of how geography affects culture. They will also identify the contributions of ancient cultures and their impact on our system of government.