



Classroom News

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Dear Parents,

Hello! These weeks are going by so quickly. Book Fair, Crazy Hair Day, Harvest Festival, Red Ribbon Week, standardized testing... October is a busy month here at OLA, so watch your calendar closely.

SLA 7 --- We will complete the reading of Dear Levi and continue our theme of struggle/conflict by reading The Miracle Worker by William Gibson. This story is written in play form, so the students will be in small groups for the reading. We will learn about the everyday struggles of Helen Keller and how she overcame them.

History 7 --- We completed a quiz on the transcontinental railroad and the farmers and ranchers of the West in the late 1870s. We will study US progress as far as the steel industry, oil industry and the Industrial Revolution.

SLA 8 --- The students are working in small groups to complete a culminating project for The Outsiders. Part of this project is to do a poetry recitation of "Nothing Gold Can Stay" by Robert Frost. Ask your child to recite it for you as practice. I think you'll be impressed!

Geography 8 --- We are still studying the people, cultures and lands of Canada. We enjoyed a video about Banff National Park in Canada. The flora and fauna in the video was amazing. We should be ending our stay in Canada next week. After the test, we will board the plane again and head south to Mexico! Ole!

I will be collecting Current Events on Wednesday, October 8 just to do a progress check. Hopefully everyone is pacing themselves through this assignment so panic does not set in at the end of October. The due date is November 6.

Have a terrific week!

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