

Dear Room 11 Parents,

The Park School teachers are unanimously asking that students not bring weapons to school as part of their Halloween costume. This includes guns, knives, swords, slingshots, etc. We appreciate your support in making Park School a safe and violence-free environment.

The conference schedule is online and thank you all for signing up! I look forward to spending time with you discussing your child's development. Early dismissal is at 1:45 during the entire conferencing period from Mon., Nov 5 through Fri., Nov. 16.

The games that are on the October homework menu and that we have been playing in class are helpful in learning number combinations up to 10 and are building blocks to learning our base 10 system. Please practice Heads or Tails and Roll and Record whenever possible. They are on my website to print out and use, as well.

An important aspect of math is the ability to identify and communicate one's thinking. In the classroom, we practice sharing our thinking a lot. Thinking aloud helps students to clarify their ideas, identify what they do and do not understand, and learn from others when they hear how their peers think about and approach a problem.

Please practice this at home, too, when you play games, solve story problems in the car, etc.: "How did you do that?" "What strategy will you use?" "Share your thinking with me." "What other strategy could you have used?"

Some of the strategies taught and discussed in class so far are:

- Knowing the fact in your head (by heart)
- Using fingers to Count All (from 1) or Count On (from the larger addend).
- Using a 10s Frame
- Using a number line
- Using blocks or other manipulatives
- Drawing a simple picture
- Using dot patterns or unorganized dots
- Doubles

Thank you, everyone!
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Volunteers This Week

W Library 9:55-10:50 Sarah Chan
TH Art 9:55-10:50 (whole class) Leigha Heydt & Sarah Chan

On the Calendar

Sat., Oct. 20	Park Fund Raiser - 7:00-10:00 Sweetwater
Wed., Oct. 24	Field Trip - Herbst Theater in San Francisco 8:40-12:00
Wed., Oct. 31	Halloween Parade - 1:00
Mon., Nov. 5	Character Assembly - 1st Gr. presents "Fairness" - wear orange
Nov. 5-16	Teacher/Parent Conferences - 1:45 early release every day
Fri., Nov. 9	Outdoor Movie Night - 6:00 show
Mon., Nov. 12	No School - Veteran's Day
Nov. 19-23	No School - Thanksgiving Week

This Week's Sight Words: **he, was, are, with, they**