



# The Leadership Lowdown

Third Grade Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser  
4-8 pm

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Cyberbullying Presentation

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – After School Science 3:45-5pm

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Credit Union Deposit Day

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – Family Bowling Night 5:30-8 pm

## Caught in the Habit

Ms. Georgoff would like to send a special shout out to Mia this week for being an excellent example of a leader who follows directions and shows respect to others. Every time that Ms. Georgoff asks to "Give Me Five" to get everyone's attention, Mia is one of the first students to stop, put her eyes on the teacher, and show respect. Thank you for "putting first things first" and being so polite and attentive. It shows proactive behavior! 😊

Just a reminder that if you're sending in a book order, you must write a check made out to Scholastic. They do not accept cash. Also, I always place the orders on the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month. Therefore, if you give me an order at the beginning of the month, you will not receive it until the first week of the following month. Thank you!

## We're Learning....

### Reading

- I can identify the main idea of an informational text.
- I can identify details that support the main idea.
- I can explain how to determine the main idea before, during, and after reading by using the text.

### Writing

- I can write an effective ending for my personal narrative.
- I can "explode the moment" in my story using my five senses to write interesting details.

### Math

- I can model addition and subtraction in more than one way using mental math strategies.
- I can use the decomposing strategy to add/subtract mentally.
- I can solve 2-step word problems using estimation strategies.

### Science

- I can provide evidence that light travels in a straight path.
- I can describe how light interacts with different materials.
- I can describe how a shadow is made and why/how its length and position change.

**LIGHT QUIZ - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

### SOAR

- I can apply for new classroom leadership roles.
- I can reflect on my class and personal goals.

## California Pizza Kitchen



On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Silver Springs will be hosting a Leader in Me fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen for dinner from 4:00-8:00 p.m. The Leader in Me program will receive 20% of your total bill if you bring in the flyer that is attached to the Eagle Express newsletter. We hope to see you there and thank you for supporting Leader in Me and Silver Springs!

## Timed Tests

Every Friday, your child takes a timed test to test his/her fluency with basic facts. How can your child prepare for these tests?

1. Print out a practice test from our website—you can download them under the “Math Workshop” page.
2. Flashcard practice
3. Utilize online resource sites such as Moby Max (Fact Master), Diaper Derby, IXL, Front Row

## Cursive Homework

This year, your child will be learning the cursive alphabet. I will model a letter in class, have students practice it with me, and then will send the rest of the page home with your child as homework for extra practice. I will start by doing 1-2 letters a week, so your child will not have daily cursive handwriting homework. Thank you for helping to support your child’s cursive education at home! If you or your child is interested in doing more than just the homework pages, there are cursive apps that you can download on your phone/iPad as well for extra practice.

## New Goals

How did your child’s October SMART goal go? On Friday, each student reflected on his/her goal. This week, we will be setting a November goal as individuals and as a whole class. Your child will be sharing his/her reflection and a new goal with you this week and asking for a parent signature.

## Internet Safety Presentation

This Tuesday, students will be participating in a presentation about internet safety and cyberbullying. A form was sent home last week giving you the option to have your child opt-out of the program. You only had to sign it if you were opting out. Please let me know **before Tuesday** if you did not receive the form and would like to have your child removed from the presentation. Thank you!

## On Our Website

Have you visited the Science page yet? You can find links to the vocabulary we’re studying in our current unit, Light and Sound. There are also links to some fun, interactive sites that reinforce concepts we’re learning and discussing. Check it out at:  
[www.personsville.weebly.com](http://www.personsville.weebly.com)