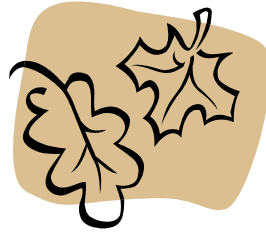


TAG Newsletter November 2009

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End-of-the-unit celebrations:

For first and second grades, we will celebrate the conclusion of our Georgia unit with Georgia Culture Day on Monday, November 2nd from 8:15-10:15. Thank you in advance to the parent volunteers who will be helping us out that morning beginning at 8:00. The students will be visiting four centers in order to learn about Georgia food, Coca-Cola, and trivia.

For third grade, we will celebrate the conclusion of our American Footprints unit with a presentation from the Atlanta History Center followed by an opportunity to practice our creative problem solving skills by solving real-world problems in our school on Wednesday, November 4th.

For fourth grade, we will celebrate the conclusion of our Native American unit with a powwow on Thursday, November 5th from 9:45-11:45. Thank you in advance to the parent volunteers who will be helping us out that morning beginning at 9:30. The students will be visiting six centers in order to learn about Native American houses, arts & crafts, food, recreation, toys, and clothing. The Friday TAG students will attend on Thursday that week.

For fifth grade, we will celebrate the conclusion of our Research Contract unit with a Research Contract Fair on Tuesday, November 3rd from 10:00-11:30. All fifth grade TAG parents are invited to stop by and visit the displays some time during the 90 minute period in Learning Cottages 9 and 10.

New TAG Units:

The new TAG units will begin during the week of November 9th-13th. New TAG students will begin that week for grades K, 1, 2, and 4. We cannot determine eligibility for third and fifth grades until the ITBS results are back. All fourth graders will attend TAG on Thursday that week, because of the on-campus field trip with the Atlanta History Center.

Grades K-2:

Nature Myths:

TAG Learning Objective: Advanced research skills and advanced communication skills

Description: Students will study nature myths, write an independent research paper on a self-selected animal, make a Power Point technology presentation to accompany the report, and give a formal presentation. In addition, the students will participate in a variety of lessons, such as brainstorming, mystery, and inquiry.

Third Grade:

Our National Treasures:

TAG Learning Objective: Higher order/critical thinking skills and advanced communication skills

Description: Students will participate in leading a tour of the USA's national treasures, sharing their arguments about whether certain national and state treasures should be preserved and protected.

Fourth Grade:

Grasping Governments:

TAG Learning Objectives: Advanced research skills and advanced communication skills

Description: Students will learn about different structures of government, how governments create structure and consistency in society, how systems adapt to change, and how various government systems and their society's values are interdependent.

Fifth Grade:

Conflict & Cooperation:

TAG Learning Objectives: Creative thinking/creative problem solving skills and advanced communication skills

Description: Students will study World War I, the Roaring 20s, the Great Depression and Dust Bowl, World War II, and the Cold War. Students will also share an oral history that they gathered from friends and family.