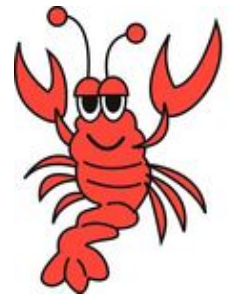


*"It is our CHOICES that show what we truly are.
Far more than our abilities."
– Albus Dumbledore*



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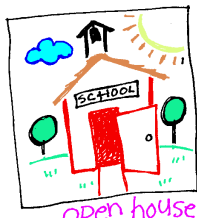
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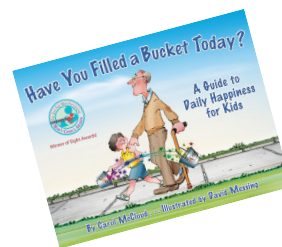
Open House Wrap Up

Thank you to all of the families who ventured out in the rain to join us for Open House. We had 13 out of 16 families represented. That's over 80% attendance on a drizzly day. I enjoyed meeting you, however briefly, and I look forward to our future conversations on how best to move forward with your child's 3rd grade journey. *If you were unable to join us, let's try to find a time for you to visit our classroom community!*



Rockin' Reading

Over the past 2 weeks we have been focusing on not only our reading, but also on our ROCK Star behavior. To help emphasize the importance of being ROCK Stars in the classroom I started the year with 2 great books:



In *Have You Filled A Bucket Today?* this heartwarming book encourages positive behavior as children see how rewarding it is to express daily kindness, appreciation, and love. Bucket filling and dipping are effective metaphors for understanding the effects of our actions and words on the well being of others and ourselves.

In *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun*, How can Ralph be so mean? Lucy is one of a kind and Ralph loves to point that out. Lucy's defining moment comes when Ralph truly needs help. Because she knows what she stands for, Lucy has the courage to make a good choice. This charming story empowers children to always do the right thing and be proud of themselves, even when they are faced with someone as challenging as Ralph.

Calendar of Events

Friday, October 4 – Teacher Workshop Day
October 29 – 30th – Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3:30 – 7:30 pm
Thursday, October 31 – Class Halloween Celebration 2:00 – 2:45 (parents welcome!)