



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- December 17-18:
Candy Cane Lane (more information below)
- December 19:
Report Cards send home
- December 20:
Winter Break Begins
- January 2:
Students return from winter Break
- January 10:
COSI on Wheels
- January 17:
Yearbook Sale Begins

Dear Souders Families and Friends:

Next Thursday reports cards will be sent home. These report cards are for the first half of the school year. As a reminder, we use standards based report cards. These report cards should give you a very good idea how your child is progressing toward grade level standards. Let us know if you have any questions or feedback.

Also as a reminder, students are not given "traditional" homework. We do ask that students read every night. In addition, conversations about school and learning are essential to your child's growth. Thank you for supporting your child's learning. We couldn't do it without you.

Mr. Cox.

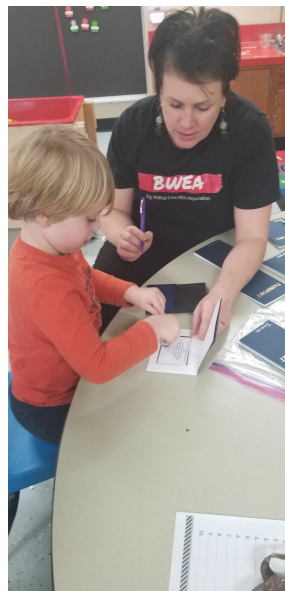


Above: Kindergarten students started narrative writing! The kids have been hard at work practicing mechanics and getting more comfortable writing their OWN stories with pictures and words!

Quote of the Week:
"It is one of life's bitterest truths that bedtime so often arrives just when things are getting really interesting."

From *Horseradish* by Lemony Snicket

At right: Preschool has been traveling around the world learning about traditions from different countries. We focus on the similarities - togetherness, family and love. We each get a passport and we get to stamp our passports when we visit a country. We will visit, USA, Germany, Iceland, Norway, Mexico, Africa, India and Israel. We make a craft to match the tradition of the country and when we are done we bring it home in a suitcase. We have a visit from the high school German students and a few other guest speakers as well.



Candy Cane Lane(Holiday Shop) will be here before you know it (December 17&18) please make sure you have your background check done if you plan to volunteer. If you're new to Souders it's where the kids get to shop for any or all family members including dogs and cats. Everything is \$2. I have over 5000 items so far.

