

**LETTER FROM THE
PRINCIPAL
WEEK OF OCTOBER 18,
2021**

Dear Families,

I hope you had a wonderful fall break and created some amazing memories! It's always nice to have some rest so we can come back refreshed and ready for learning! I hope the break was refreshing for you.

Halloween

Halloween is on a Sunday this year, so we will be celebrating October 29th at school. Class parties may take place, but because of COVID regulations, we will not be able to have parent volunteers this year. I know coming to school and helping with school celebrations is important to you and your children, and I apologize in advance that the current COVID dangers still do not permit this.

There will be a Halloween parade with costumes. If your child chooses to wear a costume, we should be able to see their face (no masks except for the

protection kind). We also do not allow weapons or their facsimiles.

Halloween can be frightening for some children. Any help and consideration you can provide in making it more fun than frightening is appreciated.

There will be a parade of costumes that will be webstreamed so you can enjoy it. If the weather is nice, we may hold the parade outside. Again, more details to come as we figure them out.

If your child chooses not to participate in the Halloween parade or associated festivities, we will find alternative activities.

Reach the Peak

I hope your first week of Reach the Peak has been going well! Remember to return your sheets Monday mornings so we can get the totals tabulated! Let's work on the whole-school prize!

Acadience Math

Our students in grades K-3 took a math screener called Acadience Math, by the same makers as Acadience Reading (formerly DIBELS). This test is new to the state and to Trailside. The goal is to

have 60% of our students make typical or better growth by the end of the year. This happens through solid daily math instruction and differentiated support. Right now, 65% of our students are on or above level according to the fall benchmark. We will give this test two more times this year.

If you have any questions about Acadience Math, please let us know!

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Jim Martin

