

Important Dates

- ✂ October 10 Elementary early release
- ✂ October 19 No school-Teacher grading day
- ✂ Oct. 24, 25 Student-led conferences
- ✂ October 26 No school-professional development day

General News

Happy Friday! Katy wrote the newsletter this week☺

This week in math we've started *Investigation Four: Making Geometric Patterns*. We have been using pattern blocks to create designs that have mirror symmetry and designs that have rotational symmetry.

This week we finished our read aloud Lunch Money by Andrew Clements. Since finishing, we have started addressing reading comprehension skills. This week we looked into visualizing as a skill that is useful when reading.

On Monday, Lynda Van Winkle, came into school and taught our class how to access and use Khan Academy. Khan Academy is a great tool to help your student practice and gain proficiency in basic math skills. Students can (and should!) make use of the extensive video library, interactive challenges, and assessments from any computer with access to the web. If you have a Gmail account or a Khan Academy account, your student can add you as a coach so that you can see their progress on the different skills they are practicing. If you have any difficulties with being added as a coach please don't hesitate to email any questions.

As you know, we have been working on practicing the writing process by creating comic books, much like the main character from Lunch Money. We are hoping to wrap these up soon and have the students create their final version. We are very impressed with the level of creativity and focus coming from this family group!

How to Help Your Student Access Khan Academy

- Go to www.asdk12.org
- Click on the *Students* tab
- Find the *Academics* box
- Click on the *Google Apps* link
- Use your child's ASD computer login information to login (you no longer need this page after this step)
- Open a new tab
- Type "Khan Academy login" into the Google search bar
- Click on the first link that appears

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- Click on the Google logo to sign in
- Use Khan Academy!



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Odds and Ends

Greetings Parents ~

The School Action Plan is due in the next couple of weeks and will be completed with your help. Our goal is to determine how we, as parents, can help students meet the proficiency standards set by the district. Please take the time to complete this quick survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MHTYP6X>

Ordering books online seems to be working fine now. You can search for our class by state/school or use our class code LJH9B.