The Green Scene

**Class Newsletter September 14, 2015**

***Conferences***

With report cards going home next Friday, I plan to begin parent conferences beginning the week of September 28. Ideally, I will have a three week window to meet with everyone before tracking out!

Look for more information regarding sign-up times in the coming weeks!

**In the classroom**

**Reading/Writing-** We are building a deeper understanding of characters through a read-aloud of *Ninth Ward*, a fictional account of one girl’s experience with Hurricane Katrina. We have also been learning prepositions, interjections, synonyms, and antonyms. This week we have started working with verb tenses. In writing, we are continuing to study memoirs. We are learning to write different memoir structures and will wrap up with writing a memoir of our own.

**Math-** We are continuing our work with decimals by learning to add and subtract decimals, and how to model using base ten grids and number lines. We will be continuing work with decimals through next week, when we will take our unit test.

**Science** - Students have had an incredible learning experience with our ecosystems unit! Through real-life, hands-on experiences, our students have developed a deep understanding of the interdependency of the living and nonliving factors that make up aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. We are now learning how pollution and natural changes can upset or unbalance an ecosystem.

***Hello class families!***

**One quarter ends, another begins**

Our Quarter 1 for the 2015-16 school year is coming to an end, and we will be in the second quarter by the end of the month! Can you believe it? Quarter 1 report cards will go home next Friday, September 25!

Looking a little further ahead, we will enter into our second quarter after Q1 report cards, and with a little good luck (and no technical issues) have mid-quarter progress reports for Q2 ready by the time we track out in October.

In other words, our year seems to be going by fast!

The next several weeks give us the chance to really dig deep into the curriculum before our fall track out and the beginning of the holiday season (and the many distractions they bring).

*Any questions, comments or concerns, please contact me!*

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**Upcoming events**

**September 25-** Quarter 1 report cards go home

**October 14-** Book fair begins

**October 21-** Last day before track out

**October 22-** Literacy night

**October 22- November 11-** Track out

**November 12**- Track in