

Dear Kilmer Community:

Everyone at Kilmer School is looking forward to our parent visitation and to our upcoming parent conferences! Many of our children are writing reflection sheets in preparation for the conferences. A number of children shared their sheets with me in Ms. De Marco's class; I am always impressed by their willingness to share and their honest assessment of their strengths and areas they would like to improve upon.

As I visited Ms. Martin's class, the children were illustrating their Literary Response Journals; the illustrations showcased a recent book they had read. The attention to detail was notable and the creative interpretations brought a smile to my face. Each child carefully explained how their drawing related to their books and the excitement among all was palpable.

During writing Ms. Tran's students have been practicing beginning sounds and developing complete sentences. The children's sentences described the colors of the leaves and the beauty of autumn. (Notwithstanding our recent snowfall—it is still autumn!) Many of the students read their sentences out loud to me when I visited and we discussed the "raining" leaves together. I sat in on a retelling of the story, *Looking for Taco*, with our second graders in Ms. Meola's class. The students identified characters, setting, problem, solution and connections to the story during the retelling. They enjoyed the retelling and the story!! Ms. DiMeola's third graders were working diligently upon creating word problems to represent $18 \div 3$. The children focused upon identifying key math terms in their word problems which helped them to determine the need to divide which they could use to solve other word problems. During the sharing of student work, the students were able to explain their thinking and to explain the strategies they would use to solve.

Again, we're looking forward to our parent visits! Please take the time to look at the student work displayed in our hallways---it is awesome!!

Have a wonderful, safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Betsi McLeester