

October 22, 2017

Dear Sixth Grade Families,

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who offered support following the fire. Your thoughtfulness has made a big difference. We were fortunate to have been immediately given a place to live by friends in Sebastopol. We can stay here long as we need, but my commute to Sonoma is probably too long. Therefore we are watching for a long term rental opportunity closer to Sonoma. If you know of a place for two well-behaved dogs and their two people, please let me know.

### Help Build Our Library

If you have extra books you'd like to donate to our class library, please bring them in. We have a roomful of strong readers, and several empty shelves ready to be filled. Here are some of the books our students have recently requested:

- A Series of Unfortunate Events (Book Seven)
- Across Hundred Mountains, by Reyna Grande
- The Distance Between Us, by Reyna Grande
- How to Train Your Dragon, by Cressida Cowell
- Harry Potter (books 4, 5, 6)
- The Serpent's Shadow Series, by Rick Riordan
- Amulet Series, by Kazu Kibuishi
- Wings of Fire Series, by Tui T. Sutherland
- Inkheart, by Cornelia Funke

### Sprite's Night Changes

Due to the fires, Woodland Star School has scaled down Sprite's Night events. Please join us at school on Saturday, October 28th from 3pm-6pm for a school-wide potluck, costume contest and pumpkin carving. We are encouraging everyone to dress up, bring a dish to share, and their best carving pumpkin.

### Homework Changes

Before the Fall Break, I sent home four pages of math work. Due to the fires, this homework is now optional. I will accept any part of it that has been completed, but there is no requirement to complete it all before Monday.

After the long summer break, many students are having trouble remembering fourth grade arithmetic. Please have your child practice the multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$ , and the four operations (+, -,  $\times$ ,  $\div$ ) early and often. You can print practice sheets at [practice.communitygrove.com](http://practice.communitygrove.com).

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, Oct. 28, 3-6pm	Sprite's Night
Wednesday, Nov. 1	School Closed for Staff Training
Friday, Nov. 10	Veterans Day Observed
Monday, Nov. 6 - Thursday, Nov. 9	Parent Conferences (I'll put signups on ParentSquare.)

For the Future...

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- Yes! I have received the parent packet for the week of October 22, 2017.
  - Please contact me.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_