

# Mrs. Ponte's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week students will be taking the i-Ready Diagnostic #2 for Math, followed by the Reading Diagnostic #2 next week. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a healthy breakfast (as always).

Report cards will be issued on Friday. Remember that report cards are just a snapshot of where your child is right now in their learning journey. Skills in Math and Reading will continue to be practiced and reinforced all year long to support your child's growth. Please make sure your sign and return the report card envelope on Monday!

## Important Dates

November 14-15: Math i-Ready Testing

November 13<sup>th</sup> – Science Camp Meeting @ 5:30 in the Library

November 15<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards go home

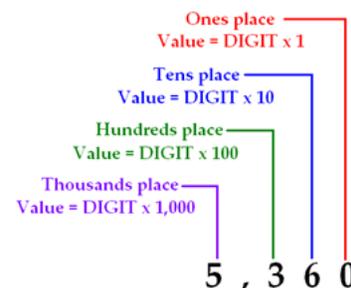
November 25-29 – Thanksgiving Break

## Learner Profile Trait of the Month:

**Thinker:** We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

## Math News

**In Unit 2 we are learning about place value to the thousandths place, powers of 10, adding and subtracting decimals and adding/subtracting fractions with unlike denominators.**



## Unit of Inquiry: How We Express Ourselves

*Central Idea: Systems thinking changes how we understand the world. (written by our class!)*

Last week we learned about the habits of systems thinkers and how thinking in terms of systems can help people make sense of the world around them. Questions you could ask your child: What kind of systems do we have at home? How are you connected to our systems at home? How do your actions change our "system?"

### 5 Habits of Systems Thinkers:

1. **Look for the bigger picture.**
2. **Study systems from multiple perspectives.**
3. **Consider the roles of short and long timeframes.**
4. **Search for cause and effect relationships.**
5. **Explore places where systems connect with other systems.**

## Global Read Aloud 2019

We are about half way through the Global Read Aloud book Front Desk! We have connected with other students around the world on Flipgrid, Padlet and Skype. All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at PYA are participating! For more information, you can visit: [www.theglobalreadaloud.com](http://www.theglobalreadaloud.com)