

# Mrs. Ponte's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

Our Book Fair is coming! Next week (September 30-October 4<sup>th</sup>) students will have a chance to preview the fair and then purchase books starting on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Proceeds from the fair help to support all of the great things we do at PYA. Thank you for your support!

On Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Book Fair will be open for extended hours for our Literacy Night from 4-6 pm. To volunteer for the event or to help sell at the book fair, sign up at <http://www.stocktonusd.net/pya>

## Important Dates

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fall Picture Make-ups (in uniforms)

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Literacy Night 4-6 pm

October 7-11<sup>th</sup>: Fall Break

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Trunk – Or – Treat at PYA

## Learner Profile Trait of the Month:

**Inquirer:** Inquirers develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

Notice and Note – Some questions to ask at home as students are reading:

During our conferences, your students talked about looking for “signposts” in the books they’re reading. Here are some questions to ask your child about the “signposts” they are finding in their reading. All students should know what each Signpost means, so these questions should help support students once they’ve noticed a signpost.

1. Contrasts and Contradictions: Why would the character act (feel) this way?
2. Aha Moment: How might this change things for the main character or the plot?
3. Tough Questions: What does this question make me wonder about?
4. Words of the Wiser: What’s the life lesson and how might it affect the character?
5. Again and Again: Why might the author bring this up again and again?
6. Memory Moment: Why might this memory be important?

## Unit of Inquiry: How the World Works

Central Idea: Interactions are a catalyst for change.

Focus of Inquiry: This week we are exploring the similarities and differences between chemical and physical changes. We are also answering some of our own inquiry questions about matter, chemistry, and changes through experiments and research.

