

# **Aux Sable Elementary School**

## **“Weekly News”**

October 17, 2008

### **Picture Day**

Picture Day at Aux Sable is next Thursday, October 23, 2008. Photographers will be here throughout the morning. Please call the Main Office if you have any questions.

### **NED is coming to Aux Sable**

The NED Show is coming on October 31st for a Character Education assembly. NED promotes **N**ever giving up, **E**ncouraging others and **D**oing your best. The presenter is often called the “Yo-yo Man” and as part of the assembly, students will all be given a yo-yo and will be shown various tricks to perform.

### **Kindergarten Curriculum Night**

Kindergarten Curriculum Night was held on the evening of October 16<sup>th</sup> at Aux Sable. Staff reviewed the program with emphasis on the reading and writing aspects including Guided Reading, Companion Reading and 6 Trait Writing for students.

### **Tips for Successful Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent-teacher conferences present an excellent opportunity to find out how your child is adjusting to the new school year and to get to know her teachers.

Here are some general hints on how to have a successful conference:

1. Ask your child if there is anything that he/she would like you to discuss with the teacher
2. Jot down everything that you want to talk about at the conference
3. Arrive promptly or a few minutes early
4. Begin with positive comments about the teacher or classroom
5. Avoid lengthy discussions of topics that are not related to the purpose of the conference
6. Be open-minded to suggestions from the teacher
7. Keep your emotions under control
8. Take notes about what has been discussed to share with your child
9. Express appreciation for the conference
10. Try to finish within the allotted time

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## **District Curriculum Coffee**

On October 20, 2008, Dr. Palaniuk, the District 201 Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction will host a Curriculum Coffee at Minooka Intermediate School from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Library. All school community members are welcomed to attend.

## **October is Summarizing Month at Aux Sable**

The foundation for informed reading comprehension is a clear, complete understanding of how each strategy develops reading expertise. October’s main focus for reading is on the strategy of summarizing. Summarizing allows students to build on their predicting (September strategy) knowledge and leads to the strategy of connecting (November strategy). Predicting, summarizing, and connecting are fundamental steps in the study of comprehension and its instruction.

## **Flyers are in the Office**

Routinely, outside organizations deliver flyers to the various District 201 schools. Flyers that have been approved are available in the respective offices. Current flyers are as follows:

- YMCA Kidz Zone
- Champion Youth Outreach
- Minooka Baseball/Softball Registration
- Cub Scout Pack 465 News
- Save the Parks

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