



# The Sunshine News

November 8, 2011

We had a great time at the Fall Festival last week, and it was fun to see so many of you there. Many thanks to our PTA for working so hard to make it a success and to all of you who sent in candy, decorations, and other supplies.

Even though we had to cancel our Golf Links Library field trip last month, I do have library cards and information to distribute to all the students. They will be bringing home a bag with brochures and other library materials. The library card just needs to be activated at any Pima County Public Library by a parent or guardian in order for the student to be able to check out books. The library is a great way to supplement your own home library!

We are in the middle of a food drive and a "Pennies for People" collection project. Our class has already brought in over 500 pennies! We've also gotten a great start on the food box. Your generosity is so appreciated by all of us here at Henry and our community.

Thank you again for all you do—your words of support are greatly appreciated—and have a wonderful Veterans' Day on Friday!

Kathy Hendrickson

## ***Pencil Pouches Needed!***

Every student needs to have a small, flexible, zippered pencil pouch. It will need to hold 4-5 pencils and sticky notes. If you can, send in more than one for those students who can't bring one.  
Thanks!

There are 5 components that help us become better readers and writers. They also help us to love reading! We work on them independently every day. We call them the **DAILY 5!**

### ***Read to Self***

I read my "just-right" books to myself or to a plushie friend.

### ***Read to Someone***

I read to a friend to help my fluency, comprehension, and for fun!

### ***Listen to Reading***

I listen to fluent readers to build my vocabulary and become a better reader.

### ***Work on Writing***

Writing every day helps me become a better reader and writer.

### ***Word Work***

Practicing spelling and working with words and word families helps me become a more fluent reader and writer.

The **Daily 5** also builds our stamina for working independently!

*Our class website (currently under construction) is a great place to keep informed about upcoming events in the classroom or at the school. There are also lots of links to great websites that will help your child succeed academically as well as just have fun.*

*<http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/khendrickson>*



**HOMework**—In first grade, your child is required to read at least 15-20 minutes each day. Every Friday your child will bring home a packet of homework which will be due the following Friday. This packet will include activities to reinforce what we are learning in math and language arts (including spelling). It is vital that you go over this homework with your child and check their work each week. This will keep you informed as to what we are studying, and will show you your child's level of understanding in each area. Thank you for your support in your child's learning!



## **FIELD TRIPS!**

We have several field trips scheduled for this year.

Date in January TBA

**Horse Tales Literacy Program—visit to El Marah stables**

**NEW!** February 17, Friday  
**Sabino Canyon**

March 13, Tuesday  
**Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**

Date in March/April TBA  
**Sahuaro High School Musical/Play**