

# The Natural Wonder

November 2017



## Upcoming Dates and Reminders

- November 3<sup>rd</sup>- Picture Day
- November 6<sup>th</sup>- Quarter One ends
- November 7<sup>th</sup>- Grade Prep Day- no school for students
- November 10<sup>th</sup>- Veteran's Day- no school for students
- November 15<sup>th</sup>- Think Outside the Box Day
- November 22-24<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Break

## Ask Your Wonder...

- What Small Moment story they will publish for their writers' celebration
- Their favorite math menu activity
- A way they can *assertive* at school or home
- To name or describe some United States or Virginia symbols

## Recyclables Needed for Outside the Box Day! Start Saving Up!

\*Please collect supplies for your child's grade level and deliver them to your child's teacher **between Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>**. It is important that we get the materials early enough so that we can see what we might need more of. If you are able to save materials for other grade levels, please bring those materials to Ms. Lin **no later than Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** (so that she has time to sort them), and she will distribute them appropriately. Please see the attached letter for specific needs. Thanks for contributing to the success of Outside the Box Day!!

## Parent Volunteer and Chaperone Information

The rules have changed! Here are the steps that need to be taken before volunteering or chaperoning at ASFS:

1. Complete and sign an APS Volunteer Application found online at <https://www.apsva.us/volunteers-partnerships/> and submit it to Paige Prenger.
2. Complete and sign an APS Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreement found online at <https://www.apsva.us/volunteers-partnerships/>.
3. Complete the online **Safe Schools Training** as required by Virginia state law. A link to this site will be sent to you via APS. Once you have completed the **Safe Schools Training**, you will receive a certificate. Please bring a copy to Paige Prenger.
4. Meet with Paige Prenger 10 minutes prior to your first day as a volunteer for a brief orientation.
5. Whenever volunteering, please sign-in at the front office using the Volunteer notebook, get a Volunteer badge, and have FUN!

Have you tried Symbaloo at home? It can be used to supplement homework and give students a more educational experience while working with a device.

<https://asfsl.symbaloo.com/home/mix/AAAAAB5EblkAA42ARoINIw==>

## Wish List

Shared snack for all classrooms!

## BIG BUDDIES

This year 1<sup>st</sup> grade students are participating in a Big Buddy program with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. They will meet with their "big buddy" monthly and spend time reading, writing, and doing other fun activities together. This is a great way to build community throughout the school and help students get to know other students that they otherwise might not get to spend time with. Ask your child the name of their buddy and what they learned about each other!

From, Ms. Chai, Ms. Goodman, Ms. Evans, Ms. Kallassy, Ms. Pollard, Ms. Spohn,  
Ms. Symonds, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Worley, Ms. Zukas