

# Question-Understand-Experiment-Share-Think

Week of September 26, 2011



## WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY?

### Literature:

We continued our discussion of “cyclic patterns of change”. The students made a collage to represent the theme and we discussed how it will be a focus of both our social studies and ELA units of study.

### Social Studies:

As we start our study of the 1930s, students are beginning to learn the basics of economics. We will continue to discuss the principles of economics as the unit progresses and we learn about the Great Depression. Economics can be a difficult and abstract topic for the students to grasp, but with time, the basics will become clear. Today, students learned four new vocabulary words, listed below. Ask your child to explain the meaning of each word to you and how it relates to what we will be studying this year (We spent a lot of time going over each word, using each in sentences, and creating drawings and “tricks” to explain and memorize the meaning of each!).

1. *Economic system*
2. *Debt*
3. *Stock*
4. *Economic Depression*

**At home connection:** There are many connections between the economy of today and what we are studying in class. Watch and discuss the news with your child. Discuss how the economy of today affects families and their style of living. How is it similar or different from the economy of the 1920s? What about the economy of the 1930s? Any related discussion you have at home will help your child to better understand what we are learning in school!

## REMINDERS:

### Karigon/ Orenda Class:

Due to the holiday, there will be no class on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Your child will complete the activities listed in this newsletter next week.

### Open House

QUEST Open House has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be two sessions on that evening, 6:00-6:30pm and 6:45-7:15pm. I sent home a sign-up sheet with your child. Please return the sheet by Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please feel free to contact me at [madderin@shenet.org](mailto:madderin@shenet.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Miss Madden