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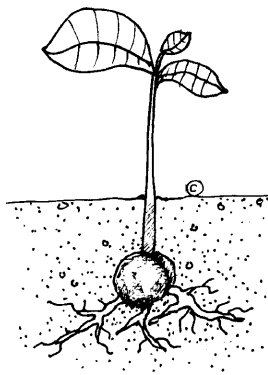
## Autumn Begins

I can hardly believe that one month has already gone by, but here we are! Your children are off to a great start to the year and we're all excited to keep going!

## First Trimester Testing

First trimester testing will take place during the week of **November 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure your child is well-rested, well-fed, and that he/she brings a positive attitude to school! The scores from these tests will be placed on the first trimester report card. Show what you know!

## Living Things Need Energy



Our first science chapter involves the most crucial living being on earth: plants! Without plants, our food sources would become extinct, and from lack of oxygen so would we! So far, we have discussed the basics of plant life (what creates a plant, the fact that they are the source of most food chains, and where plant energy comes from). We'll soon be moving on to food chains and food webs, and also touch briefly upon microorganisms. We'll also take a trip to Chico State for a lab on photosynthesis! Cheers to life science!

## Accelerated Reader Scores

One AR grade has been sent home so far this school year. AR point numbers do not comment on academic ability (skill level), but rather the amount of time spent reading tallied by the number of AR quizzes taken. If your child has a point value less than what is required, be sure that he/she is reading AR books when fulfilling Reading Log time at home. Points are acquired by successfully passing quizzes on books read. The larger the book, the more points it is worth. In order to stay on top of your student's points, an equivalent of **one small book must be read each day or one large chapter book each week** (both equal ~2.5 pts per week).

## Study Island

Our school has Study Island (<http://www.studyisland.com>)! Study Island is a web-based learning site that students can access anywhere. It allows children to practice California state standards both at home and school while progressing at their own speed. Study Island gives immediate feedback and also provides students the opportunity to engage in fun games as review. Your child will be given a username and password for the language arts section of the site. If you are in need of your login, please use the contact form and I will e-mail you the information your child needs. Have fun on the island!

