

# Learning Center October Newsletter 2011



## Anti Bullying Program

On Thursday, October 06, 2011, the students were treated to an Anti-Bullying program. There was whole audience participation with choral response to specific questions. Some students were chosen to participate in the skits. The program was divided so that kindergarten through third grade attended the first session and fourth and fifth attended the second session. Based on the student participation, the children enjoyed it immensely. However, most importantly, they were provided with an important message...if you are being bullied or see someone else being bullied, TELL YOUR TEACHER!

## No Big Book!

Try as we might, we have been unable to

fit Big Book into our schedule this year. It seems that we truly don't spend much time in each other's company. This is due to all the time that our students are included with their regular education classrooms and peers. This is actually a good thing because it means our students experiencing success in their regular education classrooms! So although we are sad that Big Book has been pre-empted...we are happy that it is for such a good reason!

## Long Week-End

We hope that you all enjoyed the long Columbus Day week-end. The weather was beautiful and it felt like summer did not want to give up its hold on the land. Our district provided us with a wonderful opportunity to be a part of some very

interesting training on the Friday that the students did not have school. We were lucky to be able to listen to a very motivational speaker in the morning. Dr. Jeff Howard, the founder and president of the Efficacy institute provided some wonderful insights to how teachers look at their students and what we can do to improve our system of teaching.

The second session I attended was a presentation by our Special Education Director, Mr. David Kenney. And it was on...can you guess? Motivating Students!. He showed us a great DVD from another well know speaker, Rick Lavoie. Mr. Lavoie developed the workshop titled "F.A.T. City." It is possible to Google this on Youtube. If you have never watched it, you may find it quite

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enlightening. He provides parents, educators and other individuals, various experiences on what it is like to be learning disabled. The Acushnet-Fairhaven Parent Advisory Committee has shown this film in the past also. We were able to watch a newer DVD which involved "Motivating the Unmotivated Student". My only regret is that I wish we could have stayed to watch the entire DVD!

## **Half Day**

This is just a brief reminder that we have a half day coming up on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served. Students will leave by 12:00 Noon.

