Dear Cunniff Families,

Children's book illustrator Doug Salati will be visiting Cunniff Kindergarten students tomorrow. His most recent work is the book titled Lawrence in the Fall. The PTO has donated several copies. One will be given to each Kindergarten classroom and a copy will be placed in the Cunniff library. Additionally, there is a copy that I have placed in the Main Lobby. Special thanks to Belmont Books for making this visit possible.

Massachusetts STEM Week 2019 takes place from October 21st to 25th. Rashmi Pimprikar (WPS PreK-12 District Coordinator Digital Learning/Library & Computer Science) Jackie Dupuis (WPS K-5 Digital Learning Specialist), and Lidia DiIeso (Cunniff Library Media Specialist) will be hosting a STEM Day at Cunniff on Wednesday. All classrooms have been scheduled to participate in 30 minutes of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics activities that will take place in the library.

Teachers are preparing for November conferences. Parent and teacher conferences will take place according to the following schedule. Evening conferences will take place on Wednesday, November 13 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM and Monday, November 18th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Afternoon conferences will take place on Thursday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 19 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Parent and teacher conferences are not optional. It is critical that teachers meet with parents and guardians regarding student progress during the first few months of school. The conference link will open for parents/guardians to sign up on Friday, November 1.

Looking ahead, Friday, November 1 is School Picture Day. There is no school on Tuesday, November 5, a Professional Development Day for faculty. There is no school on Monday, November 11 - Veterans Day observed. Thursday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 19 are early-release days with a 12:15 dismissal and Extended Day. The Thanksgiving recess begins on Wednesday, November 27 at Noon. Students return to school on Monday, December 2.

Kind regards,

Mena Ciarlone, Principal