

As November approaches I am able to look back at the first two months of this school year and note many great beginnings. Throughout the month, reading and math groupings began in earnest, Spanish and Mandarin instruction was renewed, chess lessons were launched during lunch and recess, and many grade levels embarked on year-long work with Ms. Kelly and the dazzling enrichment programs and experiences she has organized for students through our vibrant Magnet Overlay.

The Davis PTA deserves special recognition this month as well. Parent organizers arranged for the sale of **Davis Spirit Wear** clothing, arranged **Picture Day** and a fabulous, expansive **book sale** that allowed ALL students to purchase great works of fiction and informational texts; so many families donated books to individual teacher's class libraries as well! Of course, I doubt any school can top the energy and participation the Davis community brought forth for the **Halloween party**. Thank you to ALL the PTA volunteers who generously devote their skills and time and energy toward so many positive and meaningful events and projects. Our school is and has always been lifted greatly by strong partnerships with our families!

And to top off a great month, just yesterday construction began on our NEW PLAYGROUND out back! As you know, through money generously donated by Davis families, the PTA was able to design, purchase, and, along with District staff, coordinate the construction of what will be a fabulous playground built for PLAY and designed as a workout circuit targeting upper-body and core strength. Construction should be completed by the first week of November; hopefully our run of sunny weather will continue and allow students many more weeks of recess to enjoy the new equipment.

Last, I'm thrilled to report that our school's powerful math software--**DREAMBOX** - can now be used on iPads! Download the Dreambox App in the App Store, and enter this code (wwc6/davise) to enter. Dreambox is of course available from any computer as well, via this address: <https://play.dreambox.com/login/wwc6/davise>, or off the Davis web page below the STUDENTS drop down menu.

Please take advantage of this powerful software and make sure to sign up for PARENT ACCESS as well – you'll receive detailed updates of your child's progress as well as timely, insightful tips for helping grow your own young mathematicians in your very home. ☺