



PRINCIPAL CORNER for October 19th
Listen is our Word

Our word of the month for October is **LISTEN**. Posted in my office on my wall calendar is the following quote: **How we listen to one another is a sacred act.** Listening actively to one another is a powerful way to show respect and care.

In honor of our word of the month, Ms. Kerry Carson read the following poem *Listen*, by Mary Oliver, at our morning prayer gathering with teachers last week.

Every day
I see or hear
something
that more or less
kills me with delight,
that leaves me like a needle
in the haystack of light.

It was what I was born for -
to look, **to listen**,
to lose myself inside this soft world -
to instruct myself over and over
in joy and acclamation.

Nor am I talking
about the exceptional,
the fearful, the dreadful,
the very extravagant -
but of the ordinary,
the common, the very drab,
the daily presentations.

Oh, good scholar,
I say to myself,
how can you help
but grow wise
with such teachings as these -
the untrimmable light
of the world,
the ocean's shine,
the prayers that are made
out of grass?

With joy,
Susan Kilbane