

# The 2S Gazette

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Welcome to the first edition of our weekly newsletter, The 2S Gazette. Every week or so, we'll try to give a quick recap of our work and provide a preview of the week ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call, stop by or send us an e-mail.

This Thursday the school will be holding our annual **Open House, Garden Party and Health Fair** from 6 – 8pm. Some people are asking if kids should come, and the answer is a big **YES!** Come on in for some good food and let your child take you around the school to see what they will be doing this year.

The first few weeks have been spent trying to establish a positive classroom environment using techniques from the responsive classroom curriculum. We've been playing a lot of introductory games as well as doing some free exploration with different manipulatives that we'll be using throughout the year. As many of you know from the homework, we have started in with the math program. The first couple of weeks we'll be reviewing story problems. The best way to help your child is to draw pictures and add or cross out based on the story. We've also opened up our reading and language arts book, started writing in our journals and had some simple spelling assessments.

We had a string instrument demonstration on Monday. This year due to high numbers, anyone interested in starting strings will be put on a wait list. Please see the blue slip that went home today for more information.

We sent home a book order the other day. If you'd like to place an order, please have it in by next Friday, the 30th.

Here's a note from the office about busing.

Attention! Parents / Guardians of students who ride the Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Road Bus.

Due to the high number of students who live on this route, we cannot have extra students on the bus. Starting Monday, September 19, 2011 the bus will not provide rides to students who do not live on this route. If you have specific questions regarding this, please call the school and speak to Anne Fligor.

Thank you to everyone for separating the snacks from the lunches. A few kids have been sending in some snacks that are made at plants that process peanuts. We've been sending these home with a note on them. The most common ones are granola or chewy bars and Ritz Crackers with Cheese 6 packs. Please try to avoid these as a snack.

Next week we'll be starting our classroom sharing. For our first share, we are going to be doing a "Share in a Bag." Students should bring in 3 to 5 items that tell something about them. We'd like to avoid toys this year and hope that the items could be something that they made or found, pictures/photos or mementos. Our share days are:

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Dylan</b>	<b>Ben</b>	<b>Grace</b>	<b>Kenny</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Kim</b>	<b>Jared</b>	<b>Kaleb</b>	
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Isabelle</b>	<b>Abner</b>	<b>Zach</b>
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>Paige</b>	<b>Brendan</b>	<b>Jayden</b>	<b>Quin</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Tessa</b>	<b>Damon</b>	<b>Nick</b>	

Have a great week!

Chip and Jayne