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Hello Parents!

I hope you had a fantastic weekend, you certainly couldn't beat the weather! We are on to our first full week, I am sure your first grader will be exhausted by Friday! This week will bring about a lot of exploring our classroom, beginning both our reading and math programs, and getting to know each other.

Here is a recap of last Thursday and Friday:

Thursday: we went to both of our specials, Sing-a-long and Computer. The students met our new Music teacher, Miss Sullivan. Since it was a rainy day, we had indoor recess. The kids were very excited to learn about some of the games and activities we have available during that time... The biggest hit was definitely the Legos. Our read aloud was "Chrysanthemum."

Friday: the students had Gym for their special. We also got to enjoy the warm weather and sunshine for both snack recess and lunch recess. Normally on Fridays we do not have snack recess, but this early in the year, I find the students need extra movement breaks. Our read aloud of the day was "Double Trouble in Walla Walla." The students practiced making predictions and then wrote about their favorite part. We also had a chance to partner up and play some math games. The students worked very well together and had a lot of fun.

If you have not already completed your information sheet, I have attached another one to the newsletter. Please fill this out and return it to school in your child's folder.

You will find in your child's folder the poem of the week, "Welcome!" This will stay in the folder all week. Please read it each night with your child. It may be challenging at first, but we read it daily in class and you will be impressed with how well your child knows it by Friday!

I hope the adjustment to first grade is going well for your family. It is so fun getting to know the class and get into our "groove." Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

Have a great week!

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