

September 19, 2011

Hello Parents!

What a busy and productive first full week we had! I am so proud of how hard the class worked and am excited to continue getting to know your child. This past week flew by and it's hard to believe we are already halfway through September.

Here is a wrap-up of last week:

Reading: We began our "Back to School" review unit. This unit reviews the letters in the alphabet and site words from Kindergarten. For each letter, we talk about the sound it makes, words that begin with that sound, and what each letter looks like. The students get to practice writing these letters and we really focus on making our letters correctly. This week we looked at letters a, b, c, d, e, and f. It will be more of the same next week. On Friday, the students made fishbowls containing pictures of things that begin with the letter f. They will be on display at Open House on Thursday!

Math: Again, the year starts with review! This is more about getting into a routine and learning about all of the great tools we have to use in Math. The students worked with numbers 1-4 this week. We also explored patterns. Students were able to figure out patterns and make their own patterns. Ask your child what tools they used this week in Math... chances are they won't remember them all, there are so many!

Homework: You probably noticed that homework started to come home this week! For the Math homework, your child is only to do the "Homework" side. The back, which is often labeled "Targeted Practice," is often done in school. Please have them leave this side blank. Thank you! In addition to the Math, your child is also responsible for reading the Poem of the Week to or with an adult every night of the week. I was so impressed on Friday morning that every student was reading along during our poem read aloud.

A couple of reminders:

- Any change in your child's dismissal plan requires a note from home. This is to keep your child safe!
- If you have not returned the information sheet I have sent home, please do so as soon as you can!
- Snacks and lunches- you are responsible for providing a snack every day for your child. There is fruit available in the cafeteria free of charge. Also, your child may go get a milk or water. Please discuss with your child if they need to go get one of those items. This past week we found many students going to get drinks in addition to the ones sent in. Also please do not send in lunches that need to be heated up if it can be avoided. The students are in lunch

with the second grade classes as well and it is difficult for the monitors to get lunches warmed up with enough time for students to eat.

- Library is on Wednesdays, please be sure your child brings their books. They may keep their books out for 2 weeks, but will not be able to check out new books until the old ones are returned.
- Open House is this Thursday! Please join us for the Garden Celebration and Health Fair at 6 pm and Open House at 7pm. I look forward to seeing you!

Phew, that was a lot of information to give to you... I apologize and promise not all of my newsletters will be so meaty! As usual please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

Have a great week!

Megan McDonald 😊