

August 25, 2017

Happy Friday to all my great students and their families! We have had two very busy short weeks of school and will have a full week next week to try to get in the school routine.

Students have worked hard since school started. They have painted, stained, and weeded. The new students seem to have bonded well with the students who were in class last year. It is a very good group. There is a huge stretch of abilities and interests and that will mean lots of learning for everyone and that is always a good thing.

With our first full week of school, we will be starting spelling lessons. Students will get a packet of the week's spelling work on Monday and will work on it throughout the week and turn it in when it is finished. It should be finished by Friday each week.

All the students have taken pretests in math and they each will have their own individual math plans of assignments. Some of the lessons will overlap, but for the most part each student has different assignments-even the ones using the same text.

We have started exploring the moon, sun, and Earth in science. We haven't actually gotten into social studies yet, but next week we are going to explore maps and why we study history.

On Monday I will start checking and scoring bullet journals as well as the daily writing. We will continue to discuss our reading and research as a group to help encourage students to try new books, authors and titles.

The students have chosen some field trips to the Carson Center that they are interested in attending. Please let me know if you would be able to drive on any of these dates:

October 5, 2017

January 16, 2018

March 1, 2018

The students also wished to attend another performance on September 21, but with the requirements of the Carson Center, we would not be able to get our reservations in on time. I would like to set up some other trips as well. There is a King Tut exhibit at the Science Center in St. Louis that I would like to take the kids too and it would be good to do the planetarium. Since that is so far away we would not be back by 3:30. In the past we have left first thing in the morning for St. Louis and then gone to the science center and spent most of the day there. We would leave there by 3:00 and then stop in Fairview Heights or O'Fallon for dinner and then head home. That helps us avoid most of the traffic. Then we get home between 7:00 and 8:00. Let me know how you feel about this as a field trip. If you have any suggestions of trips or presentations that fit in with earth science and ancient history, please let me know.

Another place we have gone in the past is to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. Let me know if any of you would like to organize that for the class. One advantage of having a smaller class is we can go more places with fewer logistic problems.

We have several service hour opportunities available. We are in great need of folks to help us in supervising the students on the playground. We could use some additional support at the following times: 7:30-8:30 a.m., noon to 1:00 p.m., 3:00-4:00 p.m. Please contact me or Courtney if you can work any of these shifts on any days. There are other service hour opportunities listed on the bulletin board in the foyer of the main building.

We are looking for qualified people to add to our substitute list. Please apply if you can do this so we can complete the necessary forms.

Upcoming Events include:

School Board Meeting on August 31 at 6:00 p.m.

Noon Dismissal with Childcare on September 1.

No School for Holiday on September 4

Wacky Wednesday All School Assembly on September 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Corporation Pot Luck Dinner on September 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Corporation Meeting on September 7 at 6:00 p.m.

I will be gone all day on Friday, September 15 for a medical procedure. I will be back the following Monday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. My phone number is 618-889-5313 and my email is [carla@carbodalenewschool.com](mailto:carla@carbodalenewschool.com).

Thank you all for a great start to this school year.

Best wishes,

Carla