



# 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Classroom

September 5<sup>th</sup> – September 9<sup>th</sup>

Hello Parents and Families!

Hope you all had a wonderful three day weekend. Please make sure your child has lots of rest for the upcoming week.

I am really excited to announce that Brehm Preparatory School has donated MacBooks to our class. Keira’s dad, Tom has been working on getting them set up for the class, and will be giving me a lesson on how to use the computers.

Thanks.

Melissa

### A Few Reminders:

- Learning begins at 8:30, and it is really important that students are at school on time. Some students that are late can disruptive to the class.
- Communication between families and home is important for school success. I want to be able to speak with you about your child, however at a time that does not take away learning time from the others. If you need to meet with me please schedule a time before or after or email me questions or concerns.
- Many of our students have done an excellent job at returning their Daily Folders. Please continue to remind students to bring their folders to school each morning.
- Our first Corporation meeting is Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you all there!

*For the week of September 5<sup>th</sup> in our class...*

### **Math:**

*1<sup>st</sup> grade has needed some extra help with number recognition. We will continue with number recognition activities this week, and begin introducing place value.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> grade began working on place value last week, and will continue that concept this week.*

### **Language Arts:**

*Students have been placed in groups based on their assessments and observation during reading and writing. Within these groups students will receive needed help or extra challenges based on their individual needs. Within the groups we will be working on reading fluency and comprehension, phonics, vocabulary, grammar and writing.*

### **Green Group:**

*Comprehension: Main Idea*

*Fluency: Accuracy*

*Phonics: Short vowel a words*

*Grammar: Nouns*

*Writing: Narratives about us through labels*

*Stories: What is a Pal? By Nina Crews*

*Read Alouds: Best Friends by Steven Kellogg and*

*The Best of Friends by Pirkko Vainio*

### **Orange and Purple:**

*Comprehension: Compare and Contrast*

*Fluency: Accuracy*

*Phonics: Short vowel o, u, e, a words*

*Grammar: complete sentence and types of sentences*

*Writing: Narrative: Write to describe*

*Vocabulary Strategies: Using a dictionary and glossary*

*Stories: The Rain Forest By Melvin Berger*

*Read Alouds: The Secret Place by Eve Bunting*

### **Science:**

*We began talking about ecosystems and habitats. We will continue this through building our own animals this week.*

### Important Dates

September 5<sup>th</sup> – No School

September 7<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Day

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Corporation meeting

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Trivia Night

*Please check out the monthly New School newsletter for other important details!*

### September Birthdays

13<sup>th</sup> – Gabe

26<sup>th</sup> – Camille

28<sup>th</sup> - Autumn

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