# September Room Six News

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## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

### Weekly Homework

The most important thing that you can do to further your child's education is to <u>read to and with your child</u>. Research has repeatedly shown that students need at least 90 minutes of reading per day to become good readers. In order for your child to get extra practice, he/she needs to practice reading at home for <u>at least 20 minutes per day</u>. On Friday, September 9th, our first homework packet will come home . It has room for your child to write down what they read and when they read it (or if you read to/with your child). It also has a math practice sheet, and our spelling wordlist (spelling starting on the 23rd). ***See page 2 for information on my new online homework option.*** Homework is usually due on Fridays. If we have a short week, it will be due on the last day of the week. Please have your child work on it and send it all back on the following Friday. Please let me know if your child is having problems with any part of the homework and also let me know when they are doing a great job at home with the homework! Your child can read books from the public library, Harvey Clarke's library (as soon as the volunteers are ready to help with the library), or favorites from home. Your child will also be able to read online from their new reading adoption book (more information to come!). If your child needs more to read at home, I can send home a book for your child to practice, too. Mail from school, along with homework will come home in your child's Take Home Folder. Your child is responsible for bringing it home and making sure you get all of the important mail. It is OK to keep your child's homework in the folder for the week, if you'd like. You can also use this folder to send notes back to me. <u>Your child should bring the folder back and forth to school each day, even if we don't have any new "mail."</u> Thanks!

## NOW SHOWING...

**Monday:** Music

**Tuesday:** PE

**Wednesday:** Late Start @9:35

**Thursday:** Music

**Friday:** PE

☺ Last day of the week: Homework is due!

☺ Last day of the week: New homework comes home!

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FIRST SPELLING TEST:

FRIDAY, Sept. 30th

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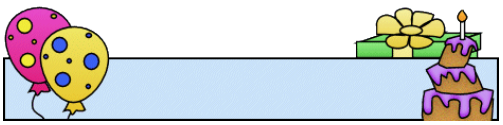

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

11th: Whitney

16th: Kaitlyn

22nd: Mrs. Woita

29th: Lauren

## Ongoing Assessment

The first weeks of school are a busy time. Kids are learning the rules and procedures for our school and classroom and we're getting to know each other. I also am assessing students to see what their strengths are and where they might need extra help. Much of the assessment is one-on-one, so it takes some time to complete before we can get into our regular routine. Our school will be using a new reading assessment that will give a clearer picture as to your child's reading strengths and weaknesses. As soon as the reading assessments are completed, we will begin our regular morning literacy block. Until then, children will be working on whole group literacy activities in the mornings.

## Notes to Send Back

Please be sure to send back the following papers, as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so. If you have misplaced any papers, please send me a note, email or call me to request a new copy. Thanks!

**Parent Survey** (in the packet I gave you on Back to School Night or the first day of school)

**Photo Permission Form** (included with this newsletter)

**Health Form** (red sheet) in the large packet of information from the office.

**Student Profile Sheet** (computer printed sheet from the large packet of information from the office: check it over and make changes if needed, **Sign the bottom of page 3** and send it back, even if you don't have any changes).

## Online Homework Option

If your child has access to the Internet at home, you can choose to have your child do online homework. We have IXL math and SuccessNet online. Also, your child can still read traditional books at home and practice spelling words in any way you'd like. Online homework will begin on September 23rd. Please email and let me know if you'd like to use this option. Thanks!

## Room 6 Wish list

*If you'd like to donate anything, we'd appreciate it! Let me know if you would like a donation letter for tax purposes. Thanks so much!*

*Used or New:*

- ☺ iPods for listening centers (if you have upgraded, we'd be happy with any older versions)
- ☺ Cheap headphones for computers & iPods

- ☺ Beanbag chairs (vinyl covered)
- ☺ "MagnaDoodles"
- ☺ "Boggle"
- ☺ Colored cardstock paper (8.5x11)

*$-Tree Items:*

- ☺ AA Batteries
- ☺ Plastic food service type of gloves (for handing out snacks)
- ☺ Small "goodie box" prizes
- ☺ Gel pens (glitter, metallic, etc…)
- ☺ Cheap White paper plates
- ☺ Small paper bags
- ☺ Paper towels