

September Room Six News

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Weekly Homework



The most important thing that you can do to further your child's education is to read to and with your child. 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 at least 15 minutes per day. On Friday, September

7th, our first homework packet will come home. It has room to write down what you and your child read (this includes you reading **TO** your child, you reading **WITH** your child, and the story being read **BY** your child). The sheet will list the week's spelling words (no spelling words the first week of school). It has room for you to check off the days that your child practiced spelling, math, and any online reading. 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 send it 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 for us), or favorites from home. Your child will also be able to read online from their Reading Street reading adoption book. I also have a subscription to Raz-Kids.com and it is an excellent reading resource for your child. It is easier for kids to navigate and it has a fun reading incentive, too. Students will also be allowed to practice their spelling online at SpellingCity.com. I will send detailed log-on information for each of these programs in the following weeks. 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 each day, 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. **Your child should bring the folder back and forth to school each day, even if we don't have any new "mail."** Thanks!

Exploring Our Week

Monday: PE

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: Late Start @10:00

Thursday: Music

Friday: Library

☺ Last day of the week:

Homework is due!

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New homework comes home!

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FIRST SPELLING TEST:

FRIDAY, Sept. 21st  
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BIRTHDAYS!

13th: Abra

22nd: Mrs. Woita

30th: Esme





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 the "easyCBM" 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 Questionnaire (in the packet I gave you on Back to School Night or the first day of school)

My Photo Permission Form (pink page included with this newsletter)

Health Form (bright pink 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 the last page and send it back, even if you don't have any changes).

Parent Acknowledgement of Handbook Access (yellow sheet from large packet from the office).

Google Apps for Education Sheet (white sheet from the large packet)

Online Homework Options

If your child has access to the Internet at home, sometimes you may choose to have your child do some online homework. We have IXL math, RAZ-Kids.com, SpellingCity.com and SuccessNet online. On my website, you can find other math games related to the math standards that we're learning about. As always, your child can still read traditional books at home, do math fact flashcards, and practice spelling words in any way you'd like.



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) 
- ☺ Inexpensive headphones for computers & iPods 
- ☺ Beanbag chairs (vinyl covered)
- ☺ "MagnaDoodles"
- ☺ "Boggle"
- ☺ Colored cardstock paper (8.5x11)

\$-Tree Items:

- ☺ AA or AAA Batteries 
- ☺ Small plastic Tupperware-type of containers
- ☺ Small "goodie box" prizes
- ☺ Gel pens (glitter, metallic, etc...)
- ☺ Cheap White paper plates
- ☺ Small paper bags
- ☺ Paper towels

