

Sneak Peek of the Week

Week of: 8-27-18

Important Dates

First Day of School Grade 1-5
Monday, August 27th

Headphones due
(please see details in the folder)
Friday, August 31st

Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
Monday, September 3rd

Curriculum Night
Thursday, September 20th
5:00pm

Reminders

Today you will find your child's **teal** folder in his/her backpack.

Please read and review the information and letters in the clear sheet protectors. Also, you'll find important notices inside the pockets of the folder. Please keep your child's folder at home until **Friday**.

The First Weeks

We are so excited to begin the first week of first grade!

The first weeks of school are very important. It is a time to help children see their school as a place where they belong and where they know and can meet expectations. Children need to feel comfortable, supported, excited and challenged in their classroom.

We'll learn each other's names and engage in games to get to know each other's interests.

In addition, children will get to know classroom routines and procedures for arrival, transitions, lunch, recess, and whole group meetings (to name a few)!

Math

First graders will get to know a variety of math tools, such as pattern blocks and connecting cubes. We'll get to know each math material through exploration and discussions around the purpose of each tool. For example, we'll ask: "What do you notice about _____? How might you use _____ in math?" These discussions will lead us to naming and agreeing upon a list of expectations for each math tool.

Class Notes

As you can see, our goals for the first week focus on social skills, setting expectations, learning routines, and building a strong classroom community.

This does not mean that academic goals are put on hold during this introductory period. Nor does the early-weeks curriculum compete with academic aims. On the contrary, these aims are intertwined and synergistic. Establishing a friendly, predictable, and orderly classroom is a prerequisite for children's academic achievement. We believe it is imperative to spend the first several weeks building a strong foundation for learning in the classroom.

Thank you for reading the first of many newsletters! ~Diana, RaeAnn & Sarah