



Issue 1
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Hello! I will be sending home monthly newsletters updating you about what we have been working on in class, projects, and upcoming events. I will send reminders in the weekly Homework Sheets and will send individual notes in the BEE book and Weekly Update. Please make sure to sign and return the Weekly Update. I feel that communication is essential to your student's success and do my best to communicate with you as often as possible. If there is ever anything that you are unsure about, please send a note, an email, or stop by to talk to me.

Thanks! - Mrs. Buckman

Math - Students are finishing up the first two introductory chapters on addition. We will move onto subtraction concepts next week. Students have been using workbooks and manipulatives to solve problems and we will start to incorporate technology through the use of the document camera and the Mimio interactive whiteboard as well.

Science- Students have been reviewing the five senses. We will be moving into our study of plants and animals soon. We will begin by discussing the differences between living and nonliving things, and the characteristics of animals that let us know they are living. We will take our first virtual fieldtrip at the beginning of October through the California State Parks program to learn about mammals.

Language Arts- We have been working on Unit 1, "Let's Read". Students have been practicing reading poetry with expression and listening for rhythm and rhyme. They have been assessed and we will begin leveled reading groups this month. Students should have come home with a few decodable books by now. These books should be stored in their decodable boxes and used for fluency practice. Please listen to your child read their decodable books and record this on the log that is in the BEE book.

Scholastic Book Orders - The September order is due 9/9. You can order online and each order submitted online earns us 1 free book for the classroom. This order is really important because if we order a total of \$275 in September, we can earn 5000 bonus points for our classroom. The points can be used for classroom books, supplies, prizes, and supplemental materials. If you are considering ordering at all this year, please consider doing it this month.

PE - We will be out for PE on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please send students in appropriate clothing on these days.

Montessori Work- Students are being introduced to addition and subtraction materials. Students who are ready will begin independent work plans. The work plan asks them to complete an assignment on their own. The assignments are recorded in a Montessori Journal and then reviewed by me.

Recycling- We will be collecting aluminum cans in our room. I will take them to the recycling center and will chart the money that we have raised for the classroom with the students. This money will be used for class parties and supplies.

Library- Students will be checking books out from the library for the first time next week. They will be allowed to choose one book the first time. In the future, students will be allowed to choose two books. Students will be given their reading levels and are required to check out books within this level. I will send information home regarding their levels so that you are aware as well.

Renaissance Home Connect - You should have received information this week on Renaissance Home Connect. Students will be using the Accelerated Reader program this year and will be taking online comprehension quizzes on these books. These must be done at school. Students can practice Math Facts at home but must pass the levels at school. Each time a student passes a level, they get a prize in the computer lab. Students who complete the whole library are invited on a field trip at the end of the year. Students will also be participating in Accelerated Math.

Queen/King Bee- We will soon begin our student on the week program. Each Friday one student will be sent home with an "All About Me" poster and a "Special Bee Bag". These things should be brought back on Monday. Students may put 5-10 items in the bee bag to show and tell about. The Queen/King bee will also be asked to fill an estimation jar with items of their choice and students will guess how many items are in the jar. Please keep it less than 100 items as it takes a really long time to count out when we have 587 beans in the jar!

Spelling- Spelling lists will begin coming home in October. We will be using, Words Their Way, a differentiated spelling program. Students will be assessed and will be given a spelling list that focuses on their individual spelling needs.



9/6 Computer labs and Library opens
9/9 Book Orders Due
9/14 Fundraiser Orders due
9/29 Picture Day

9/24 Reni Recess 10:00-10:20 in Quad