

September 4, 2009

Dear Parents,

It was good to see you at Back to School Night on Tuesday. I am very excited about the year ahead of us. We are already off to a great start!

You will find an outline of the topics we will be covering in September listed below. If you ever have any books or other related materials that might lend themselves to a particular subject or theme, we would love to borrow them.

RELIGION- Faith, God Loves us, God as Father and Creator,
Jesus is the Son of God

BUILDING CHARACTER- Respect

MATH- Addition/Subtraction Concepts

SCIENCE- Solids, Liquids, and Gases

SOCIAL STUDIES- Rules and Respect in a Community

LANGUAGE ARTS-

*Phonics: m, s, t, short a, k, p, n, f, b, g, short i, d, l,
h, short o, r, w, j, short e

*Writing: journal writing, writing sentences

*Comprehension: answering questions about
characters, setting, plot, realism vs. fantasy

*Grammar: nouns, verbs, simple sentences, adjectives

There are a few reminders I wanted to include in this newsletter since Back to School Night may have been overwhelming with so much information. If you have any questions or need clarification, feel free to contact me.

BIRTHDAYS- On your child's birthday or 1/2 birthday, a treat may be sent in. I ask that you let me know a day or two in advance in case there is more than one birthday. I do encourage healthy treats!

BOOK ORDERS- You will notice book club orders coming home today. These are optional, you are not obligated to purchase anything. If you would like to purchase books for your child, I ask that you send in a check made out to book club rather than cash. Book orders are sent home the first Friday of each month, as is the monthly class newsletter. If you are sending in a book order, please do so by the following Friday. Please remember to label the envelope! Separate checks are required for different book orders.

PIZZA LUNCH- If your child will be ordering pizza on Tuesdays, please place their money in an envelope with your child's name, as well as the number of slices of pizza and whether or not they will be getting a drink and/or

dessert. I need to let the office know how many slices of pizza we will need first thing in the morning.

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS- Classroom volunteers will not start until October so that the children and I get to know each other, and so they become familiar with our routine. Look for a volunteer schedule for October and November to come home in the next few weeks. If you have not already sent in the parent information sheet I sent home the first day of school, please do so. I am looking for someone who wants to help organize the science centers we will have every other week. These centers are on Wednesdays from 11-12:30. If you are interested, please see me!

If you were not able to sign up for room parent responsibilities on the first day of school and would like to help out, please let me know and I will forward your name to our head room parent.

A few gentle uniform reminders...

- * shoes can't be slip on and they must be one color
- * socks must be crew length, not ankle socks
- * shorts and pants must be Dennis brand

LOOKING AHEAD.....Our class will be in charge of the charity drive during the month of May. We will host the Senior Lunch in May, as well.

You will find the share topics for September listed below. I have also sent home the share schedule for the year.

Week of September 8- reminder of summer

Week of September 14- something that begins with the first letter of your first name

Week of September 21- a favorite book

Week of September 28- free choice

IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES.....

Sept. 7-Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 12- PTG Family BBQ

Sept. 17- PTG hot lunch begins

Sept. 21- minimum day

Sept. 25- Progress Reports come home

Sincerely,
Julie Brand

