

October 15, 2019

Dear Room 9 Families,

I hope everyone had a nice weekend! The Read-a-Thon ended yesterday. Please send in your Minutes Read folder even if you didn't collect any money. The PTA still keeps track of the classroom with the most minutes read!

1. If you have not signed up for a November conference yet there will be a reminder in today's mail for you with a current copy of the conference schedule. Please choose 3 times that work for you (1st, 2nd & 3rd choices). I will let you know which time worked.

I will be emailing home your conference time in the next week and will send a "hardcopy" home the following week.

2. If you have not sent in the Field Trip Permission slip and payment, please do so ASAP. Also, a number of families forgot to mark down if they were sending a lunch from home or if you wanted to buy the school "sack lunch" for the field trip. I will be emailing you to verify if I need to order the school "sack lunch" for that day.
3. On October 21st & 22nd I will be in Chicago to celebrate my dad's 92nd birthday. If you have any changes in how your child gets home those days please **CALL THE OFFICE**, as my Guest Teacher will not have access to my email. The office will let the Guest Teacher know what the changes are.
Thank you!
4. There is a new Scholastic Book order form enclosed today. The due date is 10/25/19.

Reading: We officially began our reading rotations with our Reading Teachers Mrs. Kessinger and Ms. Kaiserman. We had a great first day! In addition to our reading stations we are working on our HFW: **down, out, up, very**, and with the “**short i**” sound and blending words with it. Our comprehension strategy is “visualizing” and our Essential Question is “What is it like where you live?”

Math: We finished Unit 1 in our new Bridges curriculum. We worked on Number Sense and Measurement. We are beginning Unit 2 and will be working with Dominoes to help us add.

Health: We started our Health curriculum last week and will continue our lessons this week. We are talking about safe behavior.

Science: We began our Science curriculum on Monday. Our first Unit is on Liquids and Solids. There are 3 states of matter in our world, Liquid, Solid and Gas. We only study the first two in our lessons, but we do talk about Gas.

Important Information

1. **Communication** - Please note that my email address is - cindy.mccormick@shorelineschools.org

The easiest way to contact me is through email. You may also call the school at 206-393-4338. In addition, I have a webpage that can be accessed from the Echo Lake website that has classroom information.

Important Dates:

Early Release Wednesdays: , 10/16, 10/23. 10/30, 11/20 **Release time is 1:50.**

October 14 - Read-a-Thon ends.

October 17th - Picture Day!

October 25th - Field Trip to 'The Farm' 10am - 2pm - Information to come home soon.

October 25th - Scholastic Book Orders are due.

October 31st - Halloween party: 2:30-3:30. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the party, there will be an alternate activity to choose.

November 3rd - Daylight Savings Time. -Turn your clock back 1 hour.

Elementary Conference Week: 11/4-11/8 everyday is released at **11:45.**

November 11 - No School - Veteran's Day

Thank you to the families that have brought in snacks to share with the class. Good snacks ideas are most crackers, cheerios, cheese sticks and fresh fruit. Please do not send in products that contain peanuts or other nuts. We try and keep our classroom as nut-free as we can.

Thank you for working with me this year in teaching your children.

Sincerely,

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