

October 1, 2019

Dear Room 9 Families,

Thank you to all the families who were able to make it to Curriculum night. It was great to see you and to show you what we will be doing in 1st grade this year!

Please remember to send in your **\$6.00 for Scholastic News Magazine**. There will be a reminder in your mail if you have not paid yet.

Sent home this past week was information about the PTA's Fundraiser **Read-a-Thon**. Participating in the Read-a-Thon is easy! Since you are already reading with your child 4 nights a week, all you have to do is fill out the envelope on the nights you read. When the month is up, all the work is done and you can return the envelope to school. If you are also able to collect some donations, I know the Echo Lake PTA would appreciate it because they use the funds to put on a lot of great events for Echo Lake that makes it a fun and welcoming community.

Here is what we have been up to in Room 9.

Reading

- We have finished taking the iReady baseline testing. This was the first time we took it on iPads and the process went smoothly.
- We are reviewing letter sounds and sight words from our Wonders curriculum.
- The High Frequency Words from this past week are: this, is, my, look, little, where, here, play, the and we.
- The High Frequency Words for this week are: and, have, see, said, and was. We will also be reviewing all the words that we have learned so far.
- We are reviewing rhyming words, blending letters together and pulling words apart.

Writing

- Continuing to review handwriting skills.
- Weekend journal writing
- Favorite part of the story writing.

- In the next week we will begin our writing unit on Personal Narrative.

Math

- We took the iReady baseline test.
- We have been working in our Bridges curriculum learning about Number Sense. We are counting by 2's, 5's and 10's and learning about counting on from 5 or 10, rather than always starting with 1. We have learned some new math games.

Buddy Class

- We met our Buddy Class this week! A Buddy class is an older class that we meet with to work together on projects or read together. Having a Buddy class creates community in our school. Our Buddy class is Ms. Norberg's 3/4 Class. Ask your child what their buddies name is?

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.
2. **Homework** - We ask First grade families to establish a reading routine at home with the goal of reading 15-20 min., 4 days a week. This can be shared reading with a family member where the first grader either is practicing listening comprehension while someone else reads or takes turn reading parts of the text. It could also be a time for the student to read independently. The Shoreline Public Library is a great resource for finding books to read.
3. **Conferences:** Our first set of conference days are on **Nov. 4, 5, 7 & 8**. There are no conferences on Nov. 6th, but it is still a 11:45 release day. Conferences on Nov. 7th will go until 8pm. Sign-ups will be coming home soon.

Important Dates:

Early Release Wednesdays: 10/2 10/9, 10/16, 10/23. 10/30, 11/20 **Release time is 1:50.**

October 17th - Picture Day!

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

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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