Ms. Schreibman’s Class Newsletter

Monday August 20, 2012

Hi Parents! I met many of you at Student/Parent/Teacher conferences last week. It’s been a wonderful first few days. My goal for the year is to upload a newsletter with what we are learning for the week each Monday on the website. This is the last newsletter I will send home. If you don’t have a computer and need hard copy sent home each week, please let me know on the second sheet of this newsletter.

**Take Home Folders**

We set up our take home folders. On one side of the folder will be papers from school to stay at home. On the other side will be homework and other papers that need to be returned to school at some point. The reading logs should stay on this side until they are due. Students will then get a new reading log. Other homework will go on this side and be returned the next day completed.

**Reading**
On Friday we began with the first lesson in our reading series, Journeys. The spelling words for the week are written in your child’s planner. We will have a spelling test on Thursday August 23, 2012 as well as a comprehension and vocabulary test. On most weeks we will have five days of reading instruction for each lesson. On Mondays students will write their words in their planners. The spelling, comprehension and vocabulary tests will be on Fridays or Thursdays if there is no school on Fridays. I have decided to add another piece of homework with spelling. On Mondays students will go home with a Tic Tac Toe Board which has choices for spelling homework. Three assignments need to be chosen and done. Students can choose to complete all three one night or space it out over the week. The Tic Tac Toe Board and all work is due on Friday before the test. This spelling homework is in addition to the nightly reading homework. Also, last week I sent home an example of how to complete the reading log. Please help your child get into the routine of filling these out.

**Math**

We are working on the first unit of Everyday Math. This unit introduces us to common math routines. We will learn several math games during the next few weeks to support what we learned during whole group instruction. If you have a deck of cards at home you can ask your child to teach you some of these games. You will also see math homework going home this week.

**Science**

Students will begin learning about organisms and how they adapt.

**Field Trip Notice**

As we begin the year, Ms. Goforth and I are busy planning field trips for the rest of the year. To keep costs down we will need parent volunteers to drive. If you can drive, please fill out the second sheet so I have some idea of your availability.

**Upcoming Dates**

Friday August 24th – No Students

Monday September 3rd – School Closed for Labor Day

Please fill out the following and send back to school. Thank you!

**Field Trip Availability**

I am or am not available to drive for field trips.

If you are available please let me know what days and times.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

I can take passengers in my car. **Please note that you will need to turn in a copy of your driver’s license, insurance, and vehicle registration BEFORE the field trip.**

Name

Student’s Name

Phone Number

**Newsletter**

 I need a hard copy sent home with my child because we don’t have a computer and/or internet access

 I will just go to the website to get the newsletter

 I would like a copy e-mailed to me at the following e-mail address(es):