



What's New in LE2

Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping LE2 get the year off to a great start! Our students have been hard at work and are settling in nicely to their new classroom. We are all enjoying getting to know each other better.

I would like to thank everyone who signed up to volunteer in our classroom and at the school. We really appreciate all of your help and your commitment to your child's education. I will be in contact with individual parents regarding weekly volunteer duties and duties for the month of August. We are still in need of a room parent to manage our Yahoo group and to communicate with the other classroom parents about various school and classroom events, such as the Fall Festival and Fiesta de las familias. If you are interested in becoming the room parent for LE2, please let us know.

Curriculum

Spelling: Words are listed by week and by grade level. Please practice your child's words with him/her every night. Spelling tests are on Fridays. Suggestions for nightly activities for your child to study his/her spelling words are on the homework calendar.

*challenge words for extra credit

2nd Grade

Week of 8/8: wet, job, hug, rest, spot, mud, just, help, plum, said, of, does, get, got, *puddle, *helmet

Week of 8/15: cake, mine, plate, size, ate, grape, prize, wipe, pile, rake, give, have, gave, bike, *mistake, *guide

Week of 8/22: these, nose, use, rose, pole, close, cute, those, mule, one, love, come, home, joke, *wrote, *ice cube

3rd Grade

Week of 8/8: spoke, mile, save, excuse, cone, invite, cube, price, erase, ripe, broke, skate, life, done, these, those, *surprise, *decide

Week of 8/15: lay, real, trail, sweet, today, dream, seem, always, treat, chain, leave, weigh, eight, neighbor, paint, please, *yesterday, *explain

Week of 8/22: load, open, told, yellow, soak, shadow, foam, follow, glow, sold, window, coach, sew, though, cold, most, *tomorrow, *clothes

Math: We are starting a new math curriculum this year called Singapore Math. We are still getting a feel as to where the students should be placed in the series of books. Please know that your child may be moved to a different group as we learn more about our new curriculum. Singapore is more focused on problem solving and encouraging students to solve math problems in creative ways. We will also continue to use Montessori materials in addition to our new curriculum.

Writing: We have been reviewing the steps of the writing process and the traits of good writing. We will soon begin narrative writing. Ask your child to name the steps of the writing process! 3rd grade students will also be doing a state-wide "on-demand" writing assignment this month. The students will be given a prompt that they have not previously seen, and they will be asked to write an essay answering the prompt in a given amount of time. Please make sure that your 3rd grade student is present and on-time on August 19.

Science: This month, we are studying the weather. We will be conducting weather experiments, observing and graphing the weather and researching different types of weather. We will also be integrating our reading, writing, and art into our weather

unit. Please encourage your child to watch/listen to the daily weather report!

Reminders

Tardies and Attendance: Morning carpool begins at 8:05 and ends at 8:25 to give students enough time to arrive at their classrooms by 8:30. Students are to be *inside* the classroom at 8:30. After 8:30, they will be marked tardy. Instruction begins at 8:30 and ends at 2:50 when afternoon carpool starts. Please refrain from picking your child up from school early unless it is absolutely necessary. Also, please make sure that your child only misses school when absolutely necessary.

Homework: Monday – Thursday all students will have pages to complete in their Singapore math workbook *almost* every night and need to practice their spelling words every night. All students also need to be reading 15- 20 minutes EVERY NIGHT including 1 night on the weekends. Students also need to record the title, and answer a question about their reading on their reading log. This will not only strengthen your child's reading comprehension skills, but it will also give them extra writing practice at home. While we encourage students to study their spelling words every night, we will not be keeping track of spelling homework.

Thank you for all of the time and support you devote to your child's education. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns (or if you wish to volunteer!). Warm regards,

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Important Dates

8/10 PFA Executive Meeting 8:30am

8/11 Coffee with the Principal 8:45-10:00am

8/17 Fall Pictures - Wear Uniforms

8/19 State On-Demand Writing Prompt Grades 3-8 9:00-12:00

8/23 Your Child's Montessori Day (UE and MG only)

8/24 Your Child's Montessori Day (CH only)

8/25 Your Child's Montessori Day LE 6:30-8:00pm

8/26 Board Meeting 6:00-8:00am
Early Release 12:00