

January 6, 2012

Hello LE 4 Parents,

THANK YOU!!!

We thank the parents who signed up to volunteer for Reading Circles: Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Bascom, Mrs. Knouse, Mrs. Matoke, Mrs. Schwinger, and Ms. Rodriguez-Begley. We are excited to have all of you help our children enjoy reading.

Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Faulkner, and Mrs. Schwinger all volunteer to make copies, file, and stuff Friday Folders. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Blanchard work with some students, one-on-one, with Sound Partners.

HOMEWORK

Homework is coming back to school on a regular basis. Thank you for helping your child develop good study habits. If your child does homework before getting home, please check it. If there are mistakes, be gentle and help your child make corrections. Ask your child to check over the work before giving it to you. Your child needs to read at least 20 minutes every night. Please record it on the paper in the yellow folder. Thank you.

RECESS

Please have your child bring a water bottle to school each day with his/her name written on it. With winter in full swing, have your child come in layers. Please make sure your child's name is printed on the label. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER FOR RECESS---PLEASE.

We have time slots open for recess volunteers. Recess begins at 11:30 p.m. and goes to 12 noon. We have openings for Monday and Thursday. Hurry before your day gets chosen!

Mrs. Griffith comes Tuesday. Mrs. Sotomayor comes Wednesday. Ms. Ramonita Begley comes Friday. Thank you for helping during recess.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

We'll investigate biomes, ecosystems, and habitats of present day plants and animals as well as ancient flora and fauna.

MATH

This month some students will study comparing numbers by subtraction and graphs. Other students will study multiplication tables and the commutative property.

LANGUAGE

We'll explore the a number of poetry forms. We shine a spotlight on the pronoun in grammar.

HISTORY

This month we a look at the second *Great Lesson: The Coming of Life* timeline. This timeline is based on geological information. This is one of many ideas about how life came to be on our planet. The main focus of this work for first year students is the classification of vertebrates with an emphasis on mammals. The second year students will look at insects and their life cycles.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1/6 Early Release 12:00

2nd quarter progress reports emailed to parents

1/16 Holiday/No School

1/19 Board Meeting 6:00 pm

1/25 Children Teach Parents 6:00-7:30 pm

The Big Chill was a great success! Thank you for coming and supporting your child in this presentation.

We have another event for you to attend. It's the Children Teach the Parents. If you weren't a Montessori child this is your chance. On Wednesday, January 25th from 6 - 7:30 pm., your child will give you some Montessori lessons. We'd love to have you attend. Because this is a night for you to spend time with your LE 4 child, we're asking that you find someone to take care of siblings. We understand some infants may need to come. Please make an effort to give your attention to just your LE 4 child on that night. It will be a come and go event. If you can't make it until 7pm. that's okay. We look forward to you seeing you.

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