



Ms. Diaz and Mrs. Collazo's Classroom LE7 August Newsletter

General information

Wow! Summer vacation is over, and school has started once again. It's been a week of excitement and nervousness of the unknown. It is the start of a new school year and we look forward to having a wonderful relationship with you and your student this year. After the time we have spent with your children these 2 weeks we know that we will have a great year together!

During these first two weeks we discussed and practiced the classroom expectations and daily routines, we also took some time to get to know one another. We talked and wrote about ourselves. We have done many assessments to see where the kids are at and we are beginning to introduce the curriculum to the children as well.

Culture

2nd and 3rd grader

This month we are going to be learning about:

Creation Story, creation experiments and projects, the solar system, states of matter, and also Properties of Matter.

Language

Readers' Workshop: Your child will be placed in groups based on their level of reading. We are establishing our routine with how our groups will run.

Writers' Workshop: We have been working on different pre-writing strategies and writing paragraphs in their writer's journal. We will be focusing on instructional writing this month.

Spelling and Language: Each week your child will be focusing on different words and doing a variety of work around those words. Your child will be working at their level; I have 3 different levels of work within each of my grade level groups.

SNACK: Just so that you are aware, everyday we will have snack for about 5 minutes. It is very important to send healthy snacks for your children. (Please do not send fried chips, candy, chocolate, etc....) Please make sure to send a bottle of water with the students so that they have it to drink in class each day. It is important to send a snack since our lunch is not until 12:40pm.

Math

This year we are using a new math program called Everyday Math and the program is in Spanish. We will be grouping your students in Math according to their level but still making sure they have the skills they need for the Standard Course of Study objectives of their grade level in Math.

This month we are beginning our focus on Goal 1 of the standard course of study, which is Number and Operations.

Volunteering

Please look out for an e-mail for a request for volunteers in our classroom. We are still looking for volunteers. In the e-mail we will also include a list of those of you already volunteering or have let me know what you would be interested in helping us with. I will be contacting you soon, if I have not already done so. Thank you for all your help.

Reminder to students

- Please make sure you are doing your homework each night and that your Reading Record Sheet is signed by your parents.

Reminders to Parents

- Please make sure that your student is wearing their proper uniform attire (navy blue bottoms may be pants or shorts of an appropriate length, and red or white tops **with collars**. Girls may wear appropriate length skirts and jumpers).
- Please bring your child to school on time, they will be considered tardy after 8:30. If your child is tardy, please check them in at the office.
- In an effort to increase your child's safety during afternoon carpool, we are requiring that you provide a signed note if you wish to have your child picked up by someone who is not on your emergency contact list. If we do not have a note signed and dated by you and the adult is not on our list as having permission to pick up your child, we will not release your child to that adult.

Important Dates

Remember, August 26th is an **early release day**.

August 17th is Fall Picture Day (wear your uniforms)

I look forward to seeing you at "**Your child's Montessori Day**" on Thursday **August 25**, in our classroom at 6:30 p.m.!

Please remember, if your child needs to be excused before the end of the day, you need to send a note and pick him/her up before 2:30 in the office. Thank you!

Thanks for sending healthy lunches and bottles of water every day! LE7 students get really thirsty during the day and after recess!

Thank you

Thank you to all the families who have donated items to our classroom! Everything we have received so far has already been put to use toward our classroom. We cannot thank you enough for your donations!

Contact Us:

We hope to meet you all very soon. If you have any further questions please feel free to e-mail both of us at:

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