

Aug./Sept. 2017

Mrs. Bednar's Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome to an exciting new school year. I can't wait for all of the fun and learning adventures we have ahead. This is the first of our monthly school newsletters. This is the place to go for upcoming events, important information and what we're learning for the month. As events change, new information will be updated on our class website and/or blog. The website address is <http://bednarclass.weebly.com>. I look forward to getting to know you and your wonderful students.

What We're Learning this Month

Language Arts

This theme for this unit is "Growing and Learning". Each unit is six weeks long and ends with a benchmark assessment. Each week a vocabulary and spelling list will be sent home. Students will be tested on their words on Fridays. Please help your child study for these tests so they not only perform well on the assessment but have long-term retention of the information.

The first few weeks of spelling tests may seem fairly easy, as they are a review of the previous year's knowledge. Each week the words will increase in difficulty. Students are given differentiated spelling tests based on their level of proficiency and learning needs. More details will be given at our back to school night.

Math

The focus this month is multiplication. Even though this is usually a skill that is taught latter in the year, the curriculum we use teaches it at the beginning of the year to build proficiency throughout the school year. We will still be focusing on addition and subtraction throughout the school year and students will be time tested on addition and subtraction facts the first quarter of the year. Please help your child study these basic facts each night in order to increase their fluency and build on the ability to comprehend more complex mathematical concepts.



Upcoming Events

First Day of School

Aug. 23rd

Back to School Night

Aug. 30th 6:00-8:00 pm

No School- Labor Day

Sept. 4th

School Pictures

Sept. 7th

Homecoming Parade-

Wear Red

Sept. 8th

Dibels Testing Begins

Sept. 11th

Summer Reading Reward

Party

Sept. 12th

Field Trip to Strawberry

Sept. 14th

Mrs. Bednar at Training

Sept. 25th

Science/Social Studies

Every few weeks we switch from focusing on science to focusing on social studies. This way students are able to gain in depth knowledge on one subject before moving on to the next. This month our focus is science and our topic is living and non-living things. We are also teaching/reviewing the scientific method and safety procedures.

Additional Information

Information about the Remind app has been sent home. If you have not signed up yet please do so. Reminders about field trips, library days, important class information, etc. is sent home via this app.

Website Permission Slip

I am still missing a few permission slips for our class website. In order to post pictures of our classroom activities I must have all slips returned. If you do not want your child's picture to appear on our class blog that is fine please mark the box saying you do not give permission and return it with your child as soon as possible. No names will be listed or any identifying information.

Thank You

I want to thank-you for sharing your child with me and helping make this year great. As I have read through the parent questionnaires I am thankful you took the time to complete these questioners. The survey helps me learn more about your child. This year is going to be wonderful and I am grateful for all of the parent support you are willing to give.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at cbednar@dcsd.org.