

Hello Room 16 Families,

We had a great first couple of days of school, getting to know each other, and learning about how our class will work together to make this year a success. Please read this weekly email to get a review of what is covered throughout the weeks and a preview of what is planned for the coming week.

Supplies- Thank you to everyone for your generous donation of supplies for our classroom. We have more than enough to get us started.

Classroom Donations- Thank you to all of those families who sent in their classroom donations. These funds are essential to the enrichment and activities we provide your child. We can't do field trips, project based learning, or projects without them. If you haven't had a chance yet, please go ahead and send in a check with your child as soon as possible. If the full amount isn't possible, any donation is appreciated.

Picture Day: Monday, September 11th,

Curriculum Update:

Reading: Next week we will launch our workshop with lessons about what we are doing during Reader's Workshop time and what student expectations are for mini-lessons, independent reading, conferences, and partner sharing.

Writing: Next week, we will begin generating true small moment stories by thinking of a person or place that matters, then to brainstorm small moments spent with that person or at that place.

Math: This week we worked on Math 4 Today and worked with white boards and flip charts to help us with rounding and expanded form. We also worked on collecting classroom data to make bar graphs about our class.

Science- Students worked in small groups to save a hapless gummy worm named Fred who had managed to capsize his boat and lose his life preserver. The problem? The life preserver was stuck under the boat. Students worked to plan a way to get Fred inside the life preserver. They could not touch the worm, the boat, or the life preserver with their fingers. The only tools they could use were 2 paper clips.

Social Studies- We started with some Compass Skills and will continue with more Mapping activities.

Specials: Please make sure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing for these days. For example, please make sure that your child is wearing closed toed shoes and comfortable clothes for Recess 101 days.

Mondays:

- Library/CLAB Bi-Weekly 10:35 – 11: 20 (We will start with Library on 8/28.)
- Lap Derby 2:00-2:20

Tuesdays:

- Art 10:35 – 11: 20 (We will start on 9/1.)

Wednesdays:

- Recess 101: 10:40-11:10

Fridays:

- Music 11:30-12:00
- Free Choice Play 2:00-2:20