

Mrs. Courtney's Room 17 News

September 2010

Dear Parents,

Wow! We have had a great start to our school year. The students are adjusting to our classroom rules and their new schedule. I wanted to share some information about what we will be learning in the month of September. I am looking forward to a wonderful month!

Important Dates

September:

6 - Labor Day No School

9 – Techno Spud Project

Each child needs to bring two apples (any color, any size) for apple project.

10 – Book Orders Due

Picture Retake Day

16 – Open House
6:30-7:30

29 – Oreo donations needed

BIRTHDAYS



September 27 – Olivia



Techno Spud Projects

Techno spud is a website for teachers created by a teacher. She encourages teachers to use technology and wants everyone to bring fun back into teaching. Our first on-line project is titled “How ‘Bout Them Apples?” Each student will need to bring in two apples of any color and size. Our project will include predicting, graphing, and measuring. Please send in two apples by September 9th. If you are able to send in extra apples in case anyone forgets, I would really appreciate your donations. Our second is the O.R.E.O. project. It stands for “Our Really Exciting On-Line Project.” Our class will need donations of Nabisco’s Oreo Chocolate. Please send in donations by September 29th.

Accelerated Reader/ READING WALL OF FAME



The purpose of Accelerated Reader is to improve reading comprehension. **I expect each student to read a book and pass at least one test each week.**

Students can take a test every day before going out to recess and during our computer and library times. The children should take their A.R. book home if they don’t have time to read it during class and bring it back to school to take a test. I recommend taking a book home on Friday and reading it over the weekend. Your child can read as many books and take as many tests as he/she wishes each week; however each student is only required to pass one test per week. The AR test must be taken by the end of the day on Wednesday or your child will have to read and take a test during first recess on Thursday. To earn a star on our READING WALL OF FAME in the hallway, your child must earn 30 points. Each book is usually worth 1 point. Large chapter books may be worth more than 1 point. He/she will move up the Wall Of Fame as they earn more points. Each child will earn a reward at each level beginning with 10 points. You will receive an Accelerated Reader report each Friday (if the computers and printers are working. ☺) I appreciate your support as we strive to help your child become the best reader possible.

Congratulations to our Reading Wall of Fame members:

10 Points

*Olivia Close

* Abby Johnson



Scholastic Book Order

Today your child has a Scholastic book order form. Each month I will send home a new form. Scholastic offers wonderful books at great prices. Book orders are due by Friday, September 10th.

WHAT WE’RE LEARNING THIS MONTH...

READING — The class will be reading realistic fiction, expository non-fiction, and a play this month. We will concentrate on the following comprehension skills and strategies:

- *character and setting
- *main idea and detail
- *text structure
- *realism and fantasy
- *drawing conclusions

SPELLING/PHONICS...

The students will work on the following skills:

- *inflectional endings (-s, -ed, -ing)
- *consonant blends (gr, sl, st, bl...)
- *consonant digraphs (th, sh, wh, ch)
- *words with ar, or, and ore

SOCIAL STUDIES-

Our class will be learning and review the Six Pillars of Character; trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. They will also learn about the Constitution, our flag and how to read a compass rose.

SCIENCE- We will begin our study of Physical Science. We will learn about Properties of Matter, Energy, Magnet, Forces and Motion and Sound. The students will be switching classes for this unit of study. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Keller and I will be team teaching this unit.

ENGLISH- We will learn about predicates and review subjects. We will learn about statements, questions, commands, and exclamation sentences. The students will write brief narrative stories using Voice as they add descriptive words (adjectives) in their writings. They will continue to distinguish between complete and incomplete sentences.

MATH- In Math we will continue to work on doubles, adding zero, one and two to a number. We will also introduce doubles plus one facts. We will continue to work with attributes of shapes and introduce fractions.

Have a great month! If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at home or at school!

Mrs. Courtney ☺

