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SCHOOL NOTE 2H

Friday, September 8, 2023

Important Upcoming Dates:

- * **Wednesday, September 20:** Fall School Picture Day
- * **Monday, September 25: No School (Yom Kippur)**
- * **Thursday, September 28, 6-7 pm:** K-2 Back to School Open House at Miller Hill

I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone this week! This week we:

- got our materials organized.
- practiced daily routines
- played games to get to know one another.
- reviewed some first grade reading, writing and math skills.

Here are some things you may be wondering about:

Homework

- **Read** 20 minutes each night (expert book, library book, eBook, RAZ Kids, or any other reading material your child chooses). Students will start bringing home book folders by the end of next week.
- Practice **math + and - facts** (as needed). We will review facts from 0-10 first, focusing on one "fact family" at a time (e.g., plus and minus 2). I will send home flashcards each Friday. **Reflex** is also a great way to practice math facts. Our first set of flashcards will be sent home next Friday, September 15 and the sprint on those facts will be the next Friday, September 22.
- **Study spelling patterns.** Our first spelling list will go home next Friday (our first test will be the following Friday, but it will just be a "practice test." Please study the words on the list with your child, but also challenge them to spell words that follow the same pattern. For example, if we are working on the spelling pattern 'or' and **corn is on the spelling list**, you can ask your child to try spelling other 'or' words too, such as **horn** and **sport**. You can also have them practice writing a sentence that includes some of the spelling words.

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- **Not all unfinished classwork needs to be finished at home (only papers stamped "Finish & Return").**

Take Home Folders - Students will bring home their work as we complete it on a daily basis. On Fridays, I will send home a newsletter like this one.

In past years, I have also sent home an individual printed note for each student about their progress that week at school. This year I am going to send the individual weekly progress notes to families electronically on Seesaw. I am hoping all families will be connected to Seesaw by next week.

Please feel free to send me an email or Seesaw message any time!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!
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