

Dear Parents,

We are starting to get into a routine at school. Students are gaining confidence using technology and the platforms we use. It is taking less time to get everyone logged in and working. They are still learning the nuances of Google Slides but with more practice they will be experts. We are finishing up the "Our Classroom Family" lockers which tell us about them. A few more were completed today and next week we will be finishing up the rest.

**IB Inquiry:** Hopefully, everyone's **weather tool** made it home on Thursday. They worked hard on getting them completed. The anemometers were a real challenge to tape but they persevered. If possible, we would love to see a picture of them set up at your house. Next, we will explore the mystery, "Where do clouds come from?". Your child will observe important clues, such as the fact that water changes from a liquid to a gas (even without boiling!). You can continue to support your child's curiosity by pointing out water vapor whenever you see it rising off hot water in the kitchen or bath, or pointing out tiny droplets of water forming on a mirror, windows, or glasses. Engage their minds by asking, "Wow, why do you think this is happening?" The children will explore this idea with a great experiment called Gas Trap.

**Homework on Monday** night is to come home and share this knowledge with you and perhaps do the experiment again.

In **math**, we will be giving the children a "How Ready Am I?" and a Pretest for unit 2 which covers the third grade standards for place value, rounding, addition, subtraction and two-step word problems. The "How Ready Am I?" will let us know if children are ready for this third grade unit or if as we go through the unit, we have some areas to give added support. The Pretest will be our guide to know what standards they are already proficient in and are ready to move beyond third grade standards to work on the fourth grade standards in the same Mathematical Content Strand of Number sense, properties and operations. Those ready to move to the fourth grade standards will work with Mr. Greg Carson from 11:00-11:30. (We will let you know if your child is working with Mr. Carson)

**ALEKS** has been assigned for homework this next week. We would like the children to work for 10-15 minutes on the whole number Place Value, adding whole numbers and subtracting whole numbers. These areas correspond with Unit 2.

**Hot Lunch** begins on Monday, Sept. 27th. Check it out!

**Picture Day** is next Wednesday, September 22. You should be receiving information in an email from Yuen Lui to decide on what package you'd like to purchase this year. The children **should** wear their best uniform with the crewneck sweatshirt for our class picture.

**MAPS Testing** is starting next week with the upper grades. We are scheduled to test on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning (Sept. 29-Oct. 1) during the morning (8:45-10:15). Please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a good breakfast so they are ready to do their best. Please don't schedule any appointments during that time so they don't miss the testing.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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