



Dear Parents,

We made it through the first week of school! We both are so enjoying getting to know your children. They have been filling our classrooms with lots of JOY! Thank you for joining Classdojo. (send us an email if you are having trouble) We are trying to send pictures so you can see all the JOY that is happening at school.

Please check your students binder for some “**Parent attention**” information. We sent home the Boy Scout information page, Family Letter telling you about our first unit in math, and an information letter about our first Inquiry unit (Weather and Climate Affect Daily Life).

**ELA** classes will begin Monday. Mrs. Sheehan will be teaching Reading and Spelling to all of the students and Mrs. Smith will be teaching Writing and Grammar.

**Spelling will begin on Monday.** Each child took a spelling test to help determine their current placement in the “Words Their Way” program. Your child will come home on Monday with a **spelling list** and a “**Trace/Copy/Write**” paper that they **MUST** complete for homework Monday night and bring back for Classdojo points on Tuesday morning. If they happen to forget it, we will have a copy available for them to complete before recess. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, they need to study their words and will receive Dojo points for each completed assignment. In the Reading/Spelling google classroom, Mrs. Sheehan has created a digital option of the spelling activities and they can complete one of these each day or they get the print out and do the activity with pencil and paper. However, if your child likes to study words in a more physical (kinesthetic) way like jumping rope or throwing a ball, just send a note or picture to get the homework credit.

They will be bringing home their “**Writer’s Workshop Notebook**” Monday as well and is not **due** until **Friday**. Their assignment is to decorate the notebook to make it more personal for them. It can have pictures of the things that are important to them. Sample pictures are on the information sheet that is coming home on Monday. The children will be using these Notebooks throughout the year and will be filled with all types of writing. This creates a wonderful personal connection for them to enjoy in the years to come!

Mark your calendar! **PYP Curriculum Night** which is next Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30-7:30. We will send you the Zoom Link on Monday so that you will have it readily available. **Thursday, September 16th** we will be attending the all school **Mass of the Holy Spirit**. This will be done via Facebook.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you next Tuesday on Zoom!

Mrs. Valerie Sheehan and Mrs. Susan Smith

