

September 22, 2017

Hi Everyone,

This week has gone by in a whirlwind of activity. We have had a lot of absences and that has been hard playing catch-up. Please remember that it is hard for the students to get back in the swing of things when they are out sick, We do the majority of our work in class time, so even coming in late or missing one day really throws them off their routine.

This week the students worked on independent projects to present information to the class about the different planets. They made posters, took notes, and presented an oral report on their planet. All students made quiz questions and had to make sure that all the quiz information was presented in their oral presentations. They did very well for this first project.

I only received three graded work folders today. Please remind your child that you want to see their work and then sign the slip on the folder. Thank you.

Grades 1-3 had an amazing bake sale. I can't begin to tell you how many goodies were donated and enjoyed by all. Ms. Kathy is thinking of making this an annual event to help support our CNS pets.

Fall planting day was a wonderful success despite the heat and humidity. I was so very excited to see so many parents coming out to help and enjoy the time with the children. Channel Three came out to cover the event, so there may be some footage on WSIL that you can enjoy of our planting.

Next week will be another busy fun-filled five days. Most students will be starting chapter two in math. The students will start to separate more and more from here on out. Most

of chapter one was review that they had forgotten, but then recalled with some prompting. Chapter two will have a lot of new concepts, but with our new emphasis on growth mindset, students are starting to realize how important it is to work hard to learn new things.

In science, we will be studying stars and constellations to finish our space science unit. We will be writing a science fiction story using facts we learned from our unit as the culminating event for space science.

In social studies, we will continue our study of early man and early cultures. We will be reading *Motel of the Mysteries* to give us a different perspective on how hard it is to piece together the past when there is no written record.

In ELA, we will be moving ahead through the next spelling unit, working on four new cursive letters, reading and writing letters about what we are reading, and working on proofreading skills.

In advisory, we are working on growth mindset. Our focus this month is on: “Everyone can learn.” We are looking at the power of attitude and the power of the word: “yet.” We will be working on developing a growth mindset throughout the year.

Wednesday, September 27 is picture day for individual pictures here at New School. If you wish your student to wear something especially nice for their picture, please send other clothes for later that you don't mind getting dirty because we will still be enjoying our outdoor playground and participating in P.E. later in the day.

Best wishes,

Carla

## **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, September 27: Picture Day

Wednesday, October 4: Wacky Wednesday Meeting

Thursday, October 5: Our first Paducah Field Trip (Leaving at 8:00 a.m.)

Thursday, October 5: School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 6: Noon Dismissal with Childcare

Monday, October 9: Holiday-no school and no childcare

Friday, October 13: Trivia Night at Blue Sky