

## **September Curriculum:**

Language Arts: Review Alphabet sounds, Short Vowel Words

Writing: Name Writing, Sentences

Math: Number Concepts and Counting

Science: Matter

Social Studies: Citizenship

## **September News:**

We are very excited to meet your child. We are looking forward to a great year!

Here are a few helpful hints that will keep the school year running smoothly.

Children are allowed to be on campus at 7:55 a.m. School begins at 8:10 a.m. It is very important for all children to be on time. Late arrivals interrupt instruction and disrupt the classroom environment.

Please mark names on all clothing and belongings brought to school. Toys are not allowed at school unless students are the "Star of the Week." Also, it is each student's responsibility to care for their belongings so please do not send special items to school that your child would regret losing.

There is a snack break every morning during recess. You may wish to send one or two healthy items such as fruit and cheese that will help keep your child alert and smiling. If your child also brings their lunch, please differentiate, for your child, which is his or her snack and which is his or her lunch. Sometimes children eat their lunch at snack and then they have no lunch!

Throughout the year, we appreciate additional classroom donations, such as boxes of additional Expo "fine point" dry erase markers, Baby Fresh Wipes, Clorox Wipes, Ticonderoga #2 pencils and boxes of tissue.

Our major curriculum goal these next few weeks will be to help the children have a smooth transition into first grade. We will accomplish this by creating an environment that emphasizes respect, responsibility, self-esteem, and cooperation. We are beginning academic instruction immediately by integrating all curricular areas.

Because of the relaxing summer vacation and the long day, we are very sensitive to the emotional, physical and academic needs of the children. We plan our activities according to these needs. One way parents can help their child's transition into first grade is to make sure their child gets an adequate amount of sleep and a healthy breakfast. It is also helpful to pack backpacks and choose clothing at nighttime to avoid forgotten items and a last minute rush in the morning.

We understand that you may have many questions about the coming school year. Please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to sharing an exciting year!