

Coloma Class Newsletter

4th, 5th, 6th Grades Mrs. Zervas and Ms. Ladi Room 3

Friday September 2, 2011

Upcoming Events

Monday, September
5th—Labor Day (School
Closed)

Friday, September 9th —
Recycling

Friday, September 30th—
Field Trip to CSUS
Aquatic Center

(No students will be
allowed to participate
without Permission
Slips.)

Curriculum Highlight

We have been working
on completing our
assessments. This week,
we started our
Rotations and are
looking forward to
proceeding with
Accelerated
Math/Reading.



The beginning of this school year has been wonderful! We have discussed this year's expectations and have conversed about the daily classroom procedures.

PE:

We will have PE every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please be sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and shoes on these days.

Normalization:

We are looking forward to having parent volunteers in the classroom after the 6-week normalization period. This term "normalization" is derived from anthropology and means "becoming a contributing member of society." The process of normalization occurs in the Montessori classroom where children learn to center and concentrate for a prolonged amount of time while obtaining fulfillment from their work. Normalization occurs when development is proceeding normally.

Communication:

We send home Communication Folders for you to send us notes or forms. Please write a note in your child's planner if you do not have the Communication Folder. In addition, feel free to email us, call us, or catch us at car-line. We always prefer face-to-face contact; therefore, we are also available to meet with you before or after school.

RECYCLING

Remember to bring in recyclables every Friday morning. We accept aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Thank you.

Accelerate Math

We're excited to be getting our Accelerated Math program up and running. The teachers are experimenting with a rotation schedule that allows for time for optimal learning. Students are meeting with their regular classroom teacher for AM this week. We have a fabulous 9-12 team that all students can use as a resource.

Homework:

All students were required to complete a *Wordly Wise* lesson at home this week, and it is due each Friday. They were also assigned to read 30 minutes each night and obtain a parent signature on their student planner. Expect weekly homework to be the same each week with the addition of math homework this week. Furthermore, the students will have a few assignments/projects/reports to work on during the school year. Please be aware that this work will need to be worked on during the weekend(s).

~Mrs. Zervas and Ms. Ladi

