

Eureka Class Newsletter

4th, 5th, 6th Grades Mrs. Driskill and Mr. G Room 8 Friday, September 2, 2011

Important Dates

Monday, September 5th--No School—Labor Day

Friday, September 16th – Spirit Day – Wear Tie Dye! Recycling

Wednesday, September 21st—International Day of Peace

Friday, September 30th—CSUS Aquatic Center Field Trip

Coloma(\$20) and Mission Springs (\$30) past due (September 1st)

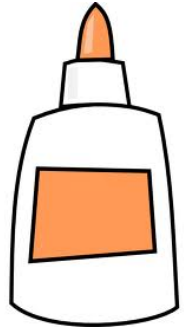
Curriculum Highlight

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.



Dear Families,

Thank you for all the fantastic classroom supplies brought in at the start of the school year. We really appreciate it and can't wait to put them all to use.



Wish List

- 5-gallon fish tank (cracked ok) for our soon-to-be classroom walking stick bugs
- Sanitizing wipes
- Black cardstock
- Flowers for our outdoor pot
- Microwave Oven (used ok)

Homework:



Student receive their Wordly Wise books every Monday, and they are due Friday. The students can leave these books at home during the week, as we have extra copies at school for in-class assignments.

Furthermore, Accelerated Math is assigned every day and due the following day. There is a handful of students working diligently in order to finish their math homework at school. If this is the case, your child has been instructed to bring home his/her math to share with you. It will always be in a yellow or red paper folder. The graded assignments are on the left (these can stay at home), and homework is on the right.

The 30 minutes of nightly reading is to be recorded in the student planner. This serves as their reading log, and parents need to initial in the column that says "PI."

The previous week's work plan goes home every Monday starting next week. These will actually go out on Tuesday since Monday is a holiday.

Renaissance Place Home Connect (homework assignment for

parents): Earlier this week, we sent out a letter regarding Accelerated Math and Reader's Home Connect. Be sure to sign up for it, so you will get updates on your child's progress.

Parent Hours: Thank you to the parents who cut the new materials for us. We really appreciate it. Don't forget to log those parent hours. We also have LOTS more materials to be cut (it would be best with a paper cutter). Stop by or send us an email if you're available to help cut. In addition, if any parents know how to operate the laminating machine, we could use help in that area.

Healthy Snacks: Students need to be sure to pack healthy snacks for their morning munchies. We look forward to developing a healthy community snack schedule for Fridays in the near future.

Communication: We send home daily communication folders for you to send us notes or forms. However, feel free to email us, call us, or catch us at car line. Face-to-face contact is always preferred, so we're also available to meet with you before or after school.

Parent Volunteers: After the classroom normalization period ends, we would love to have parent volunteers come in the classroom. Many parents indicated at back-to-school night that they have special talents or skills they could share with the class. Please email me if there's a convenient time for you. In the meantime, if a particular project comes up where we need you, we'll be sure to make a connection.

~Mrs. Driskill and Mr. G