

Eureka Class Newsletter

4th, 5th, 6th Grades Mrs. Driskill and Mr. G Room 8 Friday, September 9, 2011

Important Dates

Recycle Every Friday

Friday, September 16th—School Spirit Tie Dye Day

Wednesday, September 21st—International Day of Peace

Monday, September 26th—Montessori 101 from 6:00-7:30

Friday, September 30th—CSUS Aquatic Center Field Trip

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

Curriculum Highlight

Students have been working on various math concepts such as the Checkerboard

Multiplication, Test Tube Division, Binomial Squares with the golden bead material, and Cubing. Be sure to ask your child what he or she has been doing.



Dear Families,

The Eureka class is getting into the routine of the school year. We've made a few minor adjustments to the schedule to help maximize our time. PE is now on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the students rotate through stations with the Calico and Coloma classes. One station focuses on stretching, one focuses on dance and cooperative games, and one focuses on organized games such as soccer.



We are in need of a room parent. If you are interested in this job, please email Mrs. Driskill. Thank you.

Wish List

- ~~5 gallon fish tank (cracked ok) for our soon to be classroom~~
- ~~walking stick bugs~~ Thank you
- ~~Sanitizing wipes~~ Thank you
- Black cardstock
- ~~Flowers for our outdoor pot~~ Thank you
- 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.

Students can also grade their homework from home, reprint homework if they've forgotten it at school, and get help on their math homework.

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