



Sapphire Newsletter

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Dear Sapphire Families:

Thanks to all of you making brief transitions in the morning, your children are busily getting settled and concentrating on their morning work in their workbooks and journals. It is truly amazing to witness! Our goal is to close the door promptly at 8:15 signifying the official start of the instructional day. As long as all parents have exited by this time, students will be given 5 more minutes to finish their job before coming to Morning Meeting. Our classroom is open at 8:05 and some students are using the drop off at the gate and walking themselves to the classroom.

Please remember to have your student bring **100 small countable items in a Ziploc bag** (such as stickers, coins, small pebbles, etc.) **and 100 small edible items** to put into a 100th Day snack (such as 100 cheerios, 100 pieces of fruit snacks, 100 banana chips, 100 raisins, etc.). We will be celebrating our 100th Day of School tomorrow!!

ANNOUNCEMENT:

We need volunteers to care for "FrogHop" during the weekends. Please consider signing up!!!

He is also in need of more moss for his terrarium, which can be purchased at any pet store. Please see the bulletin board for specific information.

As the mornings are chilly, please help your child protect their lips from getting chapped and cracked.

Kudos:

Thank you, Danielle for taking on last minute projects. You are a life saver! Thank you, Stephanie for sharpening our numerous pencils. It's great when students have freshly sharpened pencils ready for them to use. We have yet to find a reliable handheld sharpener that can withstand student use! Thank you, Erin for all your help with copying and prepping on Tuesdays. Thank you, Brittany for all your color copying as well! Thank you Angel for your paper cutting and gluing!

We can be reached at jbullock@cacmp.org or (916) 714-9699 and leave a message.



Curriculum

As your students are getting more independent and responsible with referring to their work plans, they are concentrating for longer periods on each job. As such, most are only working on one side of their work plan. As they gain confidence and become more industrious, they may complete one side and use the other in the course of one week. Many students spend time on 2 or 3 of the same or similar jobs in one area, which we encourage because repetition helps with memory, routine and independence. Thus, they may not get to every subject area every week. Students work at differing paces as well, so we are focusing on quality and increasing concentration over quantity of jobs completed, as we hone in on specific areas for students to develop.

Thursday: Finish Timelines / Free Choice Cultural

Friday: Music / Care of Environment

Monday: Lincoln Activities

Tuesday: Australia Continent Studies

Wednesday: Australian Animals

Reminders

Marwa Feb 6

Feb 3 9:30-11:00

Feb 3

Feb 3 – Feb 27

Feb 4

Feb 10

Feb 17 non-instructional day / Staff Dev't

Feb 20

Feb 24

Feb 25 8:30-12 noon

Week long Me Museum

100th Day of School activities

Scholastic Book Orders Due

"Pennies for Patients"

Sacramento Museum Day

Hearing Screening

President's Day / No School

Field Trip forms and \$ due

Pancake Breakfast/ Sci Fair

Should you have any questions regarding your child's Report Card, please feel free to contact me to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached via email and after dismissal until 3:45, every day except Tuesday. Your children are continuing to make progress with their sense of order, concentration, control of movement, and independence (quite a challenge for kindergartners!).

Your Sapphire Team,
Ms. Joann & Ms. Terra