



Sapphire Newsletter

August 25, 2011

CURRICULUM

We are spending the first few weeks assessing students' knowledge in the areas of Math and Language so they can be matched to specific materials in the classroom. If interested, please sign your student up for the Relationship Building hour. Also, students will be introduced to jobs in the Sensorial area of the classroom. We have started afternoon cultural lessons.

- Thurs: Plants vs Animals
- Fri: Music & Art (self-portraits)
- Mon: timelines (past, present, future)
- Tue: land forms
- Wed: Animal needs (pet frog)

Dear Sapphire Families,

Welcome to Elk Grove CMP. We are so thrilled to have your children in our kindergarten class. We have been spending a lot of time getting to know each other and establishing classroom routines. Your children have been learning about Grace and Courtesy with respect to handling of materials, speaking in a group setting, how to interrupt politely, and careful movement in the classroom. We have been spending much time introducing the various jobs in the Practical Life area. Students are expected to have had a lesson prior to using a particular job. If a lesson is not formally introduced, then a student is welcome to ask a teacher for an introductory lesson.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

As a class, we have voted to raise money to purchase a class pet frog(s) since we do not have any pets. We will use funds raised from the walkathon at the end of September, so please obtain as many pledges as you can! If you have any expertise or supplies to offer, we would be most grateful.

KUDOS:

Thank you for coming to the Back to School Night. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. I am grateful to parents who expressed an interest in helping our classroom in various capacities. I will be sending home information about each volunteer activity in the next week. A special thank you to all who have adopted take home projects and returned them promptly!! We can't wait to implement them in the classroom.

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

REMINDERS

- WED, AUGUST 31ST 4:00 – 6:00** **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
- THURS, SEPT 1ST 5:30-6:30** **7 HABITS TRAINING**

Please turn in the two Field Trip forms, \$ for Fog Willow, and notify a teacher if you are able to drive. We will be in need of at least 6 drivers. Please remember to bring booster seats for your child.

Walkathon Theme Basket is Arts and Crafts, which means we will be collecting donations relating to Arts & Crafts to create a desirable basket to be auctioned off at the walkathon!

Please sign up to help on the day of the Walkathon, Fri, September 30th. We are in need of many volunteers to make the day successful. Sign-up sheets are on the door of our classroom.

Book orders will be handled by Azure, so be on the lookout for information. The more you order, the more freebies the class library earns!

Your Sapphire Team,
Ms. Joann &
Ms. Terra

