



# Sapphire Newsletter

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## Dear Sapphire Families:

We are getting into the daily routines very well. Upon return from the Labor Day weekend, we have begun the transition to a snack-incorporated work time, which means that the students have the opportunity to make full use of the 2+ hour work time to become fully engaged in their jobs. As such, students will be learning to be responsible going to and from the restroom with a buddy. This in itself is a lesson in grace and courtesy, as students practice choosing someone who is not engaged in a job rather than interrupting their best pal!

### ANNOUNCEMENT:

We need a parent to organize a game for our class booth at the Walk-a-Thon and to ensure that it is run by various parent volunteers throughout the day. Please speak with Ms. Joann if you are interested in heading this activity. Also, Yolanda and Kim have put up sign-up sheets for contributions (both material and monetary) for our Arts & Crafts basket. We ask that each family sign up for one item, so we can put together a desirable basket(s) to raffle off. Also, the Walk-a-Thon is a public event, so volunteer pre-requisites are not required in order to participate and support your child's school!!

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

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## Curriculum

AS WE WRAP UP OUR ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE IN THE AREAS OF MATH AND LANGUAGE, WE HAVE BEGUN SOME LANGUAGE (/M/ AND /A/ SOUNDS) AND MATH LESSONS (INTRO TO TEENS). STUDENTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO MOVE THROUGH THE CURRICULUM AS THEY GAIN MASTERY OVER THEIR LETTER SOUNDS AND ORDERING OF NUMBERS TO 20. WE WILL BEGIN FORMAL HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION ON TUES, THE 13TH. STUDENTS HAVE STARTED LOGGING ON TO ROSETTA STONE, OUR FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM. LOOK IN YOUR THURSDAY FOLDER FOR YOUR STUDENT'S LOG-IN INFORMATION, AS YOU CAN UTILIZE THE PROGRAM AT HOME AS WELL. OUR AFTERNOON CULTURAL LESSONS WILL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Thurs: Apple trees - seasons
- Fri: Music & Art (intro to Monart)
- Mon: Intro months job
- Tue: Overview of oceans
- Wed: Intro senses - smell, taste

### Reminders

Check the calendar	Me Museum continues
ASAP	Field Trip \$/forms due
ASAP	Rosetta Stone preference due
Sept 15 5-6 pm	7 Habits (Orangevale campus)
Sept 19 6-7 pm	7 Habits (Carmichael campus)

**Please turn in your parent volunteer paperwork as soon as you can so we can ensure we have enough**

## KUDOS

Parents, Grandparents: we want to thank you for your generous donations. We have plenty of primary journals. We only need about 5 more handwriting tablets. Please check with the teachers if you are unsure which ones we prefer.

Keep checking the website for these weekly newsletters as this is the primary mode of communication. In the coming weeks, we will be posting needs for our "Continent Party" as we transform our classroom into Antarctica!!!

*We must not dwell on his limitations....  
We must focus on his possibilities.*



## News from Administration

The weekly Montessorigram will be going electronic. If you do not have access to the internet, you may fill out an opt out form in the office and receive hard copies.

Also, please be advised that our campus is a closed campus before and after school. This means students must be supervised at all times and are expected to go to and from their classrooms expeditiously. If you would like to socialize with other families, please meet at the beautiful Jesse Baker Park, which is located south of our parking lot. We appreciate your support regarding this policy.

Your Sapphire Team,  
Ms. Joann & Ms. Terra