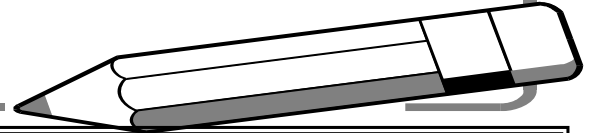


Laurel News

August 29, 2011



A Note from the Teachers:

Last week in Laurel: We have continued with our beginning of the year assessments and are almost done! (Whew.) Kids have received lessons on journaling and math meeting as we continue to move toward independent work time. We're launching into Language Arts with lots of noun studies and Math with some great work with Geometric solids. Kids received lessons on "Math Meeting", a job they'll do centered on everyday math. We began our poetry instructions with students doing Acrostic Poems with their names. We did several science experiments in preparation for our first Montessori Great Lesson. Third grade students wrote their skits for our assembly next Thursday and we're working on our class song. Our character trait is responsibility.

The First Great Lesson: When our cultural rotation starts after Labor Day, students will hear the Story of the Creation of the Universe. This is part of our cosmic education at CMP and enlightens the students as to their place in the larger world around them.


Rosetta Stone: Rosetta Stone can be done at home! User names and passwords are the same as last year if your child's language did not change.

Take home work: We have work that can be done at home---a great way to get those volunteer hours!

Homework: We are starting math facts homework this week. Please do 3 minutes timed, per night. We also have a practical life homework record keeping that will come home Mondays. Please return this, as well as reading logs, on Fridays.

Miss Witwer and Mr. Tom

Dates to Remember



8/29/11	7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers, 3:45-5:00
8/31/11	Technology Night (tech training for parents)
8/31/11	Maria Montessori's Birthday
9/1/11	Laurel Assembly: Responsibility
9/2/11	School Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day
9/6/11	Sports Physical Night
9/7/11	7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers
9/21/11	Laurel Pancake Breakfast

Special Person: Our special person of the week was Miss Witwer. She has a dog named Morgan and a cat named Charlie. She loves music and dance and has a Master's Degree in Special Education. Miss Witwer has been to Egypt! Her grandfather played music with Lawrence Welk.

Coming Up:

8/29/11	Alexis
9/05/11	Bryant
9/12/11	Corinne
9/19/11	Dutch
9/26/11	Easton

Homework and Assignments:

Homework will be sent home Monday and returned to school Friday.

Spelling: Spelling will begin next week

Math Facts: 3 minutes of timed math facts per night

Read 20 minutes: Please read for 20 minutes each night and complete log

Practical Life: Help fold one load of laundry this week
(please complete practical life log)

