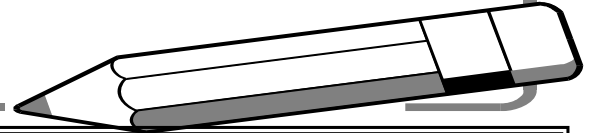


Laurel News

September 5, 2011



A Note from the Teachers:

Last week in Laurel: The Laurel Class put on a great Assembly on Thursday and taught lessons about responsibility. Third graders really nailed their skits and our class song was a hit! We'll be emphasizing responsibility this month as we start homework and lesson plans.

We continued the study of the noun family with the study of articles. Students learned about suffixes for their Tower job. We started Social Studies with the third graders and learned a lot about Maria Montessori on her birthday! We've begun our Writer's Workshops by studying ordering words and the kids wrote wonderful Cinquains for poetry. We are doing the Bank Game in math and continued in Geometry with a Point/Line/Solid lesson.

Next week we start cultural lessons in the afternoon. Our mornings will now be the standard uninterrupted work time as we move toward normalization. Please check and sign off your child's work every night as part of your parental involvement.

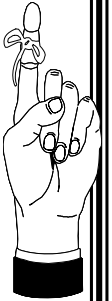
Homework: Homework is listed below. We are starting our spelling with Unit One. Conceptual math is also coming home as well as math facts.

Thank you: Thank you very much to all parents for all the help you give. Some help is very public, some help goes unseen. We appreciate all of the help we get and so do the kids.

Ms. Witwer and Mr. Tom

Dates to Remember

9/6/11	Sports Physical Night
9/7/11	7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers Training
9/21/11	Laurel Pancake Breakfast
9/23/11	Minimum Day/Teacher In-service



Special Person: Our special person last week was Alexis. We met her guinea pig, Buttercup and learned that she collects coins from interesting places. She also shared a couple of books that were illustrated by her cousin! Thank you for sharing Alexis!

Coming Up:

9/5/11	Bryant
9/12/11	Corinne
9/19/11	Dutch
9/26/11	Easton

Care of Environment Wish List:

Lysol Wipes
Sponges
Formula 409 Spray Cleaner
Terry Cloth Rags/Towels (new or used)

Homework and Assignments:

Spelling: Lesson 1 in spelling workbooks; test will be Friday

Math Facts: 3 minutes of timed math facts each night

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

Practical Life: Unload the dishwasher once this week

Conceptual Math: Conceptual Math homework is in purple folders

