



Russo's Ramblings **September 2, 2011**

Hello all,

Wow, what a great start to a new year! Your kids are great! I am looking forward to getting to know their personalities over the year. I am including this newsletter in your child's Tuesday folder this week. From now on, if you agreed to an electronic newsletter, it will be posted next Tuesday. I will send hard copies to those who do not have access to the internet in the Tuesday folders.

Mrs. Russo

Housekeeping

Thanks so much for all the Kleenex, post-it notes and cards you brought. Last year, I actually ran out of Kleenex boxes so I may be asking for more toward the end of the year.

Snack Time

We will only be having one snack time this year. Our snack time is at 10:10 with our lunch at 12:00. They return from lunch recess at 12:40 and go out for last recess at 1:50. So there really is not a lot of afternoon time to warrant a second snack time.

Folders

This year I am going to do a daily Home Folder that may include work they completed but will definitely include math homework. It may also include answers to notes, other homework from Sitton and activities we would like you to do at home.

Friday's folder included information about our new Math called **Everyday Math**. It also included the Math home page for that lesson. Please read carefully and keep as a reference if needed.

Specials

Monday - **Art**

Tuesday - **Library**

Wednesday - **Gym and Music**

Thursday - **Computer**

Friday - **Gym and Music**

The kids can keep sneakers in their cubbies if you would like to send them for their gym days.

Math

We have completed one lesson in math and are already beginning to understand the routines associated with this program. We are talking about sequencing numbers.



Language Arts

Reading

We have started building our stamina for reading to self. We also talked a lot about choosing right fit books and the three ways we can read books which are: read the pictures, read the words and retell the story.

Writing

We listened to a story about Salt Hands and then started to write our own story. Salt Hands helped us realize we need to add details to our writing to help the reader truly know about our story.

Sitton

We did one lesson in our Sitton book. I included a copy of the second grade core words in last week's Friday home folder. Today I have included a list of the priority words that are words your child should already know how to spell.



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Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have questions or concerns about your child.

Social Studies

Our unit this month is on maps and landforms. If you do anything over this weekend, show your child a map, the compass rose on a map, any anything else that stands out. You could also talk about what you see as you travel.

We'll begin this week.

