

**Reading****By a student author soon**

Our routines are being established. We are taking some time to get several placement tests out of the way so that individualized learning plans are set. Spelling and spelling tests have started. Please look in planners to find the spelling words. Spelling tests are on Thursdays and pretests follow on Friday. Practice packets are sent home on Fridays and due the following Wednesday. We will discuss and practice the pattern in class, but word practice is the student's responsibility. We have reviewed story elements with versions of The Three Little Pigs and Because of Winn Dixie.

**Science/Social Studies****By a student author soon**

Science and Social Studies rotations have started. The focus in life science includes plant and animal adaptations, plant parts, and habitat interactions. In physical science study focuses on magnets, electricity, and simple machines. In Earth science students focus on planet, moon and sun interactions to start. The schedule for state regions is

on the back of this newsletter.

**Writing****By a student author soon**

Students are enjoying getting started with writing journals. We will start using our journals for reflection and response to 365 Days of Wonder. Our first focus will be narrative writing. There will be a lot of emphasis put on responding to prompts with details and structure. Encourage students to discuss and share their writing and writing ideas with you. Go to the k-5 launchpad and find typing agent. Extra practice will help your student improve typing skills and focus more on writing content as they use electronics for writing.

**Specials****By Mrs. Harris**

→ PE with Mr. Kline  
Students are learning new routines in PE. The excitement for what new activity will be done in class can be felt each day.

**Upcoming Dates**

**-Fri, Sept 13-**PV FUN FAIR  
4:30-6:30 Volunteers are appreciated; enjoy fun for all.

**-Thurs, Sept 26-**PTO MEETING 6-8 with guest speaker

**-Week of Sept 30-**Art in the Studio starts

**Math****By a student author soon**

Math rotations have started! Students should be keeping their student reference book at their math classroom. Study Links and Math Journal might be coming back and forth every day. Unit one is a general review of many computation skills with a focus on geometry. Be prepared for a Unit 1 review packet and math test to be happening soon. Hot pencils have started and will happen at least twice a week in class. At the end of September students will set their own hot pencil goal for the quarter. Practice facts nightly.

**Teacher Tidbits**

- Thank you for all your help to get the year started off the right way!
- Our classroom could use some Clorox wipes and kleenex. If you have any that you could donate please send them in with your student.
- I am looking for parent volunteers. If you would

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like to volunteer please  
complete and return the  
attached form.

- Record reading minutes;  
calendars are due at the  
end of the month.