



4B News

AUGUST 31, 2009

STEVENSON
SCHOOL

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Spirit wear sales begin this week**
- **No School 9/7 Labor Day**
- **Fall Fund-raiser begins next week**
- **SAT-10 testing next week**
- **Picture day 9/24/09**

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Welcome to a new school year!!

This is a wonderful class!

It is great to see so many familiar faces back here at Stevenson School as well as so many new ones! I enjoyed meeting and seeing so many parents at our orientation on August 24. Thank you for taking time out of your busy night to attend. If you were unable to attend, thank you for taking the time to go through the orientation packet that I sent home with your student.

As I mentioned at orientation, the students are asked to read for at least 20 minutes every night. This reading can be done independently, or with a parent. If your child chooses



to read independently, I suggest that he/she reads within eye-sight of you so that you can be sure the reading is completed. It is always a good idea to discuss with your child what he/she is reading. Ask questions and share the book together. It is always best to read with your child. This way you can assure comprehension and enjoy the love of reading

together.

Students will be given a weekly spelling test every Friday (or the last day of the week). Words will be sent home on Mondays and if students do not finish their spelling homework at school, this will be sent home as well.

Students will also be assigned a weekly article review. Information on the article review was sent home last week. If you have any questions on this assignment, please feel free to contact me. This assignment should be turned in on Tuesdays, when assigned and should be two paragraphs in length.

Tiger Folders

Tiger folders will be sent home on Monday (or the first day of the school week). Inside the Tiger Folder you will find the newsletter, any graded papers, book order forms, and other items of interest.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE PARENT SIGNATURE SHEET EVERY WEEK. THIS IS A GREAT FORM OF SCHOOL/HOME CONNECTION. I WILL CHECK SIGNATURE CARDS EVERY TUESDAY FOR COMMENTS

AND OR CONCERNS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.



COMPLIMENTS

I mentioned at orientation that we are working on building a “classroom family” environment. In doing so, we have worked on giving and receiving compliments. We have a special time at our class meetings where students can share compliments and it really builds community, respect and self-esteem. I would also like to take a little space in our newsletter to share compliments as well.

This week I would like to compliment all the students who are prepared for class every day. I would also like to compliment the parents who check their child’s planner every night.

A big compliment to Braxton for sending in baby wipes.

A compliment to Jordan for sending in extra Paper Mate Flair Tip markers.

Compliments to Ms. White and Ms. Williams for being great 4th grade

teachers! The students are enjoying their classes.

Compliments to Mr. and Mrs. McDonald who picked up classroom work to do at home.

Compliments to all of the parents who so generously filled out the volunteer sheets and volunteered their time and their talents to both our classroom and to the students of Stevenson School!

Compliments to parents and students who completed their goal setting sheets at home and returned them to school!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ms. White shared this great idea with me and I thought that we could try it this year.

We will have a section in our newsletter for community news. In this section, students, families and others are encouraged to write stories to be published in the 4B News. All stories must be emailed or written to Mrs. Buob.

The stories must be received by 4:00 on Thursday in order to be in the next edition of the newsletter.

If you are a PTO parent and you have something that you would like to share, please feel free to send your information to the newsletter.

I look forward to hearing what everyone has to say.

Ms. White mentioned that, in the past, her students interviewed community members, wrote informational stories about the community, created cartoons or voiced their opinions.

Since the students are gaining



exposure to current events through their article summaries, I

think this is a great idea! Please encourage your child to participate in the community news section of our newsletter.



CURRICULUM NEWS

READING

This week we are beginning our first theme in our Houghton Mifflin Reading Series. The title of this theme is Journeys. Last week we began a study on reading strategies (as you know from the interview) and what strategies a good reader uses. We will continue that discussion this week as we begin our story.

SPELLING

Students are bringing home their first spelling list today. Spelling lists are leveled based on student's ability. If students do not complete spelling homework at school, then it is sent home to be completed. Spelling tests are on Friday.

WRITING

Students have a writing assignment due Tuesday. This assignment should be two paragraphs. Please remind your child to check for spelling and grammatical errors.

MATH

Students completed a per-test on Chapter 1 last week. This week we will work on Chapter 1 from our math book which is about estimating, rounding, number sense and place value. When there is homework it will be in written in the assignment notebook.

(D.I.C. means Done In Class). Timed tests on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division will be administered on Fridays.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students will be taking a Journey through the United States this year to learn about the different regions. They will begin by learning about the social scientists: geographer, economist, political scientist and historian.

SCIENCE

Students have been working on being keen observers in science class since that is an important skill for any scientist to have. The scientists have completed a scavenger hunt and honed their cooperation skills. Our activities on Monday and Tuesday of this week go along with the reading series because we'll be learning about different habitats and discussing journeys to those places.

On Wednesday, we will begin working on Chapter 11– Physical Science. Students will be learning about properties of matter. Our science test over Chapter 11 has been scheduled for September 22. The study guide will come home on September 17.

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