

November 8, 2019
Homework Packet #9

Dear Parents,

What I like to call the “honeymoon period” of our school year, or the beginning of the year where children are on their best behavior, seems to be over. It is a miracle that it has lasted this long! We still have good behavior overall, however we need to work on our talking and/or disrupting others. Please have a chat with your child about the importance of not speaking to a friend or blurting comments while the teacher is talking and teaching a lesson. We are also working on behavior during transition times in the classroom. We take too much time changing from activity to activity. For example when we change from reading to math it seems to take forever. The students find this to be a perfect time dawdling over putting materials away, talking with their friends etc.

In reading we are working on character development. The reading groups are each reading books at their own levels and practicing using these skills in their text at their level. In math we have taken the test on multiplication and will begin place value and rounding to the nearest ten and hundred. We will spend a few weeks on these skills and then return to multiplication and division. In writing we are leaving our concentration on personal narratives and beginning opinion/argument/persuasive writing. We will work on this through Christmas. The children will be writing a pre-test on a topic or issue that they know or care about. An issue in which they have strong feelings. Please help your child to come up with a topic. The children will be asked to write their opinion or claim and tell the reasons why they feel that way.

I received a few cloth bags, but not nearly enough for all the children. Please ask you friends and neighbors if they have any to spare. If they/you have any extra bags you would be willing to donate, I would really appreciate it. Please don't send any bag you are not willing to lose or have ruined. Accidents do happen, and I would feel awful if something happened to a one of a kind bag that can't be replaced.

I was very excited to receive notes from so many parents that would be willing to accompany their child on the field trip. I received more requests to accompany the children than we have seats available. I am in the process of contacting the Symphony to see if there are available seats for which chaperones can pay. I will get back to you on that idea.

Remember there is no school on Monday.

Have a great weekend!

Thank You, Betsy Burgoyne