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Friday Notes

from the desk of Mrs. Covington

I can hardly believe that our class has only spent one week together! We have spent a lot of time getting to know one another and trying to build a positive classroom community. This is truly an incredible group of children. It has been amazing to see them work together for the good of our entire class. You should be very proud of them.



Next week, we will begin to have a much more structured school day dedicated to covering the North Carolina Standard Course of Study for the third grade. With this, our normal routine of homework and classwork will begin. Please remember that we have a tremendous amount of information to cover before the End of Grade tests in the Spring, and it will be critical that you encourage and support the hard work and perseverance of your child. It will take us all working together to be successful!

Important Dates!

September 7- Labor Day
September 28- Workday
September 29- Progress Reports
October 30- Workday
November 10- First Report Card Issued
November 11- Veteran's Day

Friday Folders

Today the children are bringing home this folder for the first time. Please take some time to look through the work and the other information provided. This is one of our best tools of communication. **Each week, the folder will contain a weekly newsletter, as well as a weekly report that you can read more about below.** Please send the folder back on the next school day with any notes or questions after you have reviewed the work and information inside.

Weekly Reports

You will notice that, attached to this newsletter is a lime green sheet of paper that is titled, "Weekly Report". I will complete one of these each week for each child. Included in this report will be behavior notes, subject matter information, and an Accelerated Reader report. Individual AR goals have not been set yet, but that will be done at the beginning of next week. Please take the time to read and sign this report. It is vital that we be on the same page when it comes to your child and his or her success in the third grade. As I have said several times before, it is very important that everyone is working together.

STAR Reading Information

Also included with this newsletter is a STAR reading report. This is a reading assessment that we will take each quarter. I have highlighted the most important information on the report. For your child to be working on grade level, they should be reading on a **grade equivalency of 3.0**. It is completely normal for this number to be slightly low on the first test, but you should look for improvements throughout the school year. I will always work my hardest to communicate with you and give you every piece of data and information I have to help your child succeed. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me!