

Miss Dibble's Beginning of the Year Newsletter

Welcome to a New School Year!

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Welcome to a new and exciting school year! I am looking forward to working with you and your child. We accomplish many tasks during our day. I wanted to share a few things with you to start the year off right.

READING

We spend a big part of your day doing Reading activities. You will be able to see what reading skills we are studying by looking at your child's daily work and Spelling Lists. We will be learning a great deal of poetry as well. We will be using a Guided Reading Program along with our regular Reading curriculum. It is another way to improve reading and comprehension. Some helpful strategies are available for you to use at home. Those will come home in the first few days of school.



Language Arts/Spelling

Our Language Arts program works primarily on skills to help your child become a better writer. We will be writing sentences with Spelling words and eventually turning those sentences into stories later in the year. Writing at home on a daily basis will make these tasks a little easier. Your child will bring home a list of Spelling Words on Mondays. You can also find this list on this website labeled Spelling Lists. This list will
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stress a particular sound or spelling strategy. We will do activities during the week to help your child learn the words and be able to use them in their reading and writing. We will be taking a List and Dictation Test on Fridays. There is a strategy sheet coming home as well for studying Spelling Words throughout the week at home. Writing sentences and stories at home would also be a wonderful way to make this more fun. On each spelling list there will be activities for your child to do each night. The students will have a Spelling Notebook to use for these and return on Fridays.



MATH

We will be using Math manipulatives to develop and review mathematical concepts in addition to our Math text. We will also be working on basic facts to better prepare your child for Third grade through the use of a computer program called Math Facts in a Flash.



Your Child's Grades

Grades will be available on our school website again this year. So, if you have internet access you will be able to look at those. The website is www.tong464.org. You will access through the Skyward parent link. I will try to have grades posted and updated every week. Also, I have an email address where I can be contacted. That address is mdibble@tong464.org. I check it on a daily basis.

Computer Lab

We are so lucky to have three computers in our classroom. We have excellent software for the children to use. We will use them mainly for reading, spelling, and writing activities. We will also be going to the Computer Lab at least once a week. I like to have the students type their Spelling Words and then review other subject matter when they are finished. We will also be using IStation for Reading in the computer lab.



LIBRARY

The children will be going to the Library on Tuesday of each week. They may check out two books at a time from the library for their enjoyment. They would often like to share these books with you. They may want to read them to you or they may want you to read to them. Please share a reading time with them DAILY. Return the books by Tuesday of each week so that they can experience more each time.



ART

Art is an area that children love! The children will have art lessons with Mrs. Gantz



MUSIC

Mrs. Haney will be our music teacher and classes will be held daily from 1:55-2:20 pm.



MONEY

If you are sending money to school with your child for lunch, book orders, etc., please send it in an envelope with their name and my name on it and what it is to be used for. If it gets dropped it will find its way to the correct place.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Kissinger is our P.E. teacher and classes will be held daily from 1:55-2:50pm.



Please make sure that your child has tennis shoes for P.E. class and if your daughter wears a dress make sure there are shorts underneath.

LUNCH



We will be eating lunch at 11:52am MTThF and at 10:54 on Wednesdays so please join us someday soon.

HELP WANTED!!!!!!

We need volunteers for room mothers and fathers to help with parties, the field trip, and counting box tops throughout the year. If you would like to help, please fill out the form provided for you and return to me as soon as possible.

Thank you for helping in advance!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

I would like to extend an open invitation as well as a challenge to you as parents. I would like for each of you to set aside ONE DAY that you could spend with us in our classroom. This is just one way you can become involved in your child's education. Please try to let me know in advance.



If you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me or stop in before or after school. The school phone number is 913-416-1480 Ext 4039 or you can email me at mdibble@tong464.org.

This is the beginning of a great school year! I want your child to be happy and to learn all that he or she possibly can.

Every child is important to me!

MS. MONA DIBBLE

BIRTHDAYS

Children love to share their birthdays with others. If you wish to send Birthday treats to school, remember the school policy is that food items must be purchased and individually wrapped. Gum is not permitted. We have 22 students in our class. We will celebrate birthdays when it is convenient to our schedule, so please try to send the treats with your child that morning.

