



September 22nd, 2013

Dear Parents,

Well, we are on week two! Last week was such a great start to our year. Everyone is getting into a steady routine and following the rules and procedures. We are now ready to dive right into the curriculum. Just a reminder that students need to come to school in a school uniform every day, both top and bottom. They will not be allowed in class if they are not dressed according to our school uniform code.

In Habitats and Communities this week, we will be looking at habitats and the needs of living things.

In Math, we are continuing to explore patterning; growing and shrinking patterns and extending them.

We are also starting Medieval Times. There are four centres set up to look at the hierarchy during that time. The centers focus on reading, word study, labelling a map and organizing the social structure.

Our first unit in Health is Healthy Living where we will be starting to look at what we all need to lead healthy lives.

Sundays will be our swimming day starting today. Please make sure your child comes to school every Sunday (that we have school) with their bathing and towel. They can also bring goggles and sunscreen.

Each Sunday your child will be sent home with a Reading Comprehension workbook. They are responsible for completing the reading and the accompanying questions and word studies that go with it. They will then hand them in on Thursday (or the last day of the school week, not including 3 day weeks, where they will have the extra couple days in the weekend to complete it) to be corrected. It is extremely, extremely important to your child's learning and progress that they complete this **on their own and to the best of their knowledge and effort**. Please allow them the chance to read it on their own. If they do not understand what a question is asking, by all means explain what it is saying but do not give them any answers. I really appreciate your help in this.

Wednesdays are our assigned Library day. However, please remind your child to bring in their books every day for independent reading time each morning. They have been given a clear file folder to keep their library books in to protect them. Keep them in the file at all times when they are done reading.

I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday for Curriculum Night.

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