Monday, August 24, 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first **Monday Letter**! This letter will come home each Monday with your student. It is designed to keep you informed of weekly curriculum lessons and class/school activities. Please read this letter, sign your name on the signature line at the end, detach, and send back with your student. He/she will be receiving credit for returning this each Tuesday morning. Next week your child will also bring home a Monday folder. More about that later…

Here’s what’s happening in school this week:

**READING:** We will begin our second year in the “Wonders” reading program by McGraw Hill. This reading curriculum aligns well to the DESK standards. We begin with a Korean folk tale called “Hungbu and Nolbu”.

**MATH:** Our focus this week will be reviewing our times tables through drills and games. We will also begin concepts of place value, and we will be looking at the uses of math in our daily lives. Math is everywhere!

**SPELLING:** Our first spelling test is this FRIDAY. Your child’s list is attached to this letter.

**WEEKLY HOME READING:** The Road to Success program is very similar to what was done last school year. Tomorrow your child will log into the program and learn how to begin recording minutes this year.

**P.E.:** Our class has a P.E. class every MONDAY and WEDNESDAY. Please help your child come to school prepared for this by wearing shoes and clothing appropriate for running and jumping around!

**STUDENT PLANNERS:** Student planners will be coming home each night. Please take the time to look over your child’s planner, initial it, and return it to school with your child.

**HEAT:** It’s August, and the temperatures are sure to be high! A water bottle is fine in class as long as it has a LID. Also, most 5th graders are ready to begin using **deodorant**, which is a **marvelous invention** that can be enjoyed by all. Please encourage your 5th grader to bathe daily, wear clean clothes, and use deodorant. THANKS! ☺
VOLUNTEERS: Below are some of the activities for which I may need volunteers. If you have the time, please checkmark the activity that will work for you. I will contact you once I am ready to begin the volunteer activity! If you are working and can’t come during school hours, I have also included a donations line for those who are able to send food and misc. items to class during the year when asked.

____ Monday folder fill (3:00-3:25)  _____ Halloween party
____ Tuesday folder check-off (8:45 – 9:15)  _____ Valentine’s party
____ Wednesday vocabulary review (8:45 – 9:30)  _____ Donations
____ Thursday math/states drill (8:45 – 9:30)

YOUR PREFERRED CONTACT INFO: ________________________________

Thanks so much in advance for all of your support! Any questions? Please feel free to use your child’s daily planner to write me a note, or email me at: ariddle@dsdmail.net

Have a great week! – Mrs. Riddle

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_____ I have seen the Monday letter.
_____ I have received a Back to School folder.
_____ I will return the necessary forms to school this week.

Signed: ________________________________
Parent of: ________________________________