

Ms. Peterson's Weekly News for the week of Aug. 3

It was great to meet all of your children this week. Here's what we've been working on during our first week of school:

*Getting to know each other: we've spent quite a lot of time getting to know each other's names and a bit about each other.

*Technology: we've tried to teach them how to navigate the Canvas platform as well as how to participate in Zoom sessions. Thanks for your help with this difficult task.

*Social Emotional Learning (SEL): we introduced the theme this month of Coping with Change and Uncertainty and talked about ideas such as emotions, setting routines, and being thankful and kind to others.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Aug 7: Supply exchange from 7:45-8:15am. Drive through the school parking lot and turn in any papers that you may have for the teacher and she will give you a new bag with next week's materials. Please return your items in a gallon sized bag or plastic shopping bag with the student's name written on it. Also, try to be sure your student has written his/her name on all the papers inside the bag as well. If you can't make it at this time, you will need to park in the lot and go into the office lobby to find your child's bag sometime during the school day on Friday so your student is prepared for learning on Monday. The office closes at 4pm.

Friday, Aug 7: Due to there being no internet in our classrooms yet, I need to drive home after the supply exchange to Zoom with you. Please note that until I can Zoom from my classroom, the morning meeting won't start until 9am on Fridays.

Friday, Aug 7: Your child will meet with me on their own personal zoom meeting (refer back to earlier e-mail) in order to complete their Beginning of

the Year math assessment. This will NOT be graded. We are just trying to see where everyone is coming in skills-wise in Math. Many of the skills on the test are taught for the first time in first grade, so they should not be alarmed if they don't know some of the answers. This should take 15 minutes or less. There are only 15 questions on the test. Please be prompt as I have scheduled meetings every 15 minutes.

Friday, Aug. 7: Please try to remember your DIBELS testing time. You received an e-mail about another individual Zoom meeting scheduled for this week or next for your child to do a preassessment of his/her reading skills. Similar to the math test, it is NOT graded and will just give us a sense of where everyone is starting, which is especially important this year because of how the year ended last year. This e-mail came from our librarian, not me. Please contact her if you need to reschedule.

Wed., Aug 12: We will be holding a **1st Grade Curriculum Night** live on Zoom (using our normal morning link) from 6:30-7:30pm. Please join us to learn more about the curriculum, our expectations, and to have any questions answered. We hope to see you there, but if you can't attend we will post the recording of the meeting.

Hope you have a great weekend!

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