Mrs. Cavazos’ Weekly Newsletter Week# 2

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| Holiday No School | Read 15-20 minutes daily and document in reading log.  Math homework sent home today.  Info packet sent home in BEAR binder.  Vision and Hearing Screening (K,1,3) | Read 15-20 minutes daily and document in reading log.  Vision and hearing screening (K,1,3) | Read 15-20 minutes daily ad document in the reading log.  Library 1:45-2:30  Homework due please turn in the homework bin. | Assembly 7:45am please meet in the cafeteria.  Parent Reader 8:05-8:25 You may choose your books from home.  Computer Lab 1:30-2:30 Character Traits.  Have a great weekend! ☺ |
| PE | Music | Art | PE | Music |

Dear Parents & Students,

We had a terrific time last week. We were a little tired after our summer vacation but we are off to a fabulous start. I want to thank Emily for volunteering to read to our class on Friday. The kids loved it. I hope you enjoyed their thank you booklet?

People have asked, “How can I help my child read?” It is hard for me to give a specific answer at this time since I have not assessed the children yet. I will be working on that this month. I will be testing their DRA level and I will administer the TPRI. When I have completed the assessments, I will meet with parents, if their child is having difficulty. Depending on your child’s level, I will differentiate instruction based on their needs.

**Our Academic Focus**:

* Reading- Building a community of readers, Character traits and setting.
* Writing stories with a beginning a middle and ending.
* Math- numbers to 12
* Science- Scientific safety/processes/ Inquiry
* Social Studies- rules, responsibilities, citizenship and all about me!

**Snack time** will be every day at 9:30-9:40. We only have 1 snack. Students should bring a healthy snack. Please do not send fruit that needs to be peeled or that needs to be eaten with a spoon. It should be a finger food that is easily eaten and will not make a mess. This will help keep our classroom from insect invasions**.** No juices are allowed for snack**. Healthy food examples**: grapes, apples, string cheese, protein bars, pretzels, peanut butter sandwich, etc.

**Spelling Words** that we will be working on this week**: to, in, is, you, man, can, ran, pan.** We will be working on these words during class time but it is always helpful to practice reading them and spelling them at home since they are in most of our lessons and books. The more you read them and spell them the more fluent you become.

**Here are a few ways to have fun when you practice spelling words**: concentration game, make a puzzle, dry erase boards, beads with letters, spelling city.com, etc.

Reading is so important! It is fuel for our brains. It improves listening skills. It builds early literacy skills. Practice improves performance. It improves relationships because you are able to bond with your child.

**Reading tips:**

* Use texts that your children like to read.
* If your child does not like to read or has difficulty encourage shorter texts.
* Allow the children to respond to texts.
* Discover what your child likes and encourage that literature.
* Read and model good reading skills to your child.
* Preview text and make inferences.
* Expose children to sight words and vocabulary.

I will continue to give tips on how you can assist your child academically throughout the year.

I look forward to an exciting and wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cavazos☺