

<u>Welcome back to school</u> It's hard to believe that summer is over! I have a great year planned and so much to share with you! I will spend a lot of time building a classroom family and create an environment in which your child will learn and grow academically, mentally, and behaviorally. We will work hard but have so much fun doing it! I look forward to building a relationship with you and value your support. <u>Together</u> we will reach your child's greatest learning potential!

I will also be spending the next couple weeks assessing your child to see where they are at academically in all areas. Please make sure your child is well rested.

<u>Routines & Behavior</u> We will be working hard these next couple of weeks establishing routines, being responsible 1st graders, making good choices, and learning rules. This takes some time and practice. Look in your child's GREEN homework folder for their STOP LIGHT report. This will let you know how your child is doing with behavior and following rules during the school day. Please discuss with your child his/her behavior everyday.

<u>Specials & Homework Folders</u> Your child's_specials calendar is sent home every month with a handprint poem. If you misplace this, you can find the special schedules on my class website. Please make sure your child is dressed for PE and has tennis shoes to wear. Your child needs to bring his/her blue homework folder to school <u>everyday</u>.

Homework Official homework starts next week, July 30th. This week your child needs to send in their "summer in a bag". Make sure your child puts 3 items in the bag that they are willing to share with the rest of the class and send it in ASAP!

Emails I will be sending out emails regularly with lots of important information. If you have not received any emails from me yet, please email me & let me know as I may have your email address incorrect. <u>dafoe.wendy@cusd80.com</u>

FORMS Please send the forms I gave you on curriculum night back and the office forms ASAP.

ECA Fee (extracurricular activities) must be paid by September 21, 2018. These fees will pay for field trips, etc. Each child is required to pay at least \$15.00. However, each family can contribute up to \$400.00 for tax credit. You will go through the Infinite Campus portal, but you'll pay your child's fee through the new system called InTouch/Touchbase. The link is titled "InTouch Fee Payments" and is located on the left hand side of the screen. The fee must be paid online and this year THERE IS NO CONVIENIENCE FEE to make the online payment!

*If a Grandparent or community member is interested in making a tax credit donation, they will need to go to the district website, click on the "tax credit" tab at the top of the web page and click "community member". It will take them to the InTouch/Touchbase payment page. Or please feel free to give them this website...<u>https://az-chandlerlite.intouchreceipting.com/</u>.

Volunteering I won't be scheduling volunteers for the first few weeks or until I finish my assessments. However, I will need help with copies and a few other jobs until then. Email me if you're interested!

<u>Classroom Website</u> I will be updating my website regularly with lots of great information and pictures. I encourage you to visit it often. I also want to reduce paper waste, so if you visit my website, I won't need to send home all those papers! <u>http://www.cusd80.com/Page/36469</u>

Snack duty this week

Mon. Junior – birthday snack Tues. Fatiha Noor Wed. Ava Thurs. McKenzie Fri. Mrs. Dafoe Junior – 23rd Junior – 23rd <u>August Birthdays</u> Jake – 9th Mason – 21st Charlie- 24th

Important Dates to Remember

July 27 – all forms need to be returned Aug. 3 – 1st homework packet due, t-shirt design due Aug. 6 – DIBELS testing week

Have a super week!

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