

Dear Room 11 Parents,

It's been a long weekend and I've missed all of you! I can't wait to get back and see the children!

The First Grade Potluck will be tomorrow, Tue., Sept. 3 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Please sign up and come! It will be a great opportunity to meet the other parents in the First Grade in a relaxed setting. Also there will be parents from Kindergarten and 2nd Grade. [Potluck Signup](#)

The First Graders begin Spanish classes this week! Room 11 will go on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:50-1:15 every week. Sera muy divertido!

Room 11 is in charge of Elm St. Morning Drop-off Duty from Nov. 4-8. Please sign up to help. We appreciate your time and attention during this very important time of day! Sign up here: [Morning Dropoff Signups](#)

Please note the schedule for **Back-To-School Night on Thu., Sept. 12:**

6:00-6:30 Presentation with Aubrey O'Connor, principal, in the auditorium

6:30-7:15 K-5th Grade presentations in classrooms

In our class book talks, the students are learning that "reading is thinking". A good reader thinks about the book, even before reading the words inside. The students "read" the cover and look for information from the title and illustration, then they share their predictions about the story. They also take a "sneak peak" or "preview" or the illustrations on the first few pages. Then they make more predictions. A good reader changes and adjusts his/her predictions throughout the story. We stop several times during the story to share predictions. You can practice at home by asking your child to make predictions before and during your read-aloud stories.

In Math, the students are focusing on addition to 10. They are playing games to practice addition strategies as well as learning various combinations of numbers that compose the number 10. We are also practicing "Mental Math" in which I give a short sequence of calculations and the students have to compute in their head, then tell me the final answer. I will speak more about Math at Back-To-School Night.

Thank you and see you tomorrow!

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Volunteers This Week

W Library 9:55-10:50

Whitney Lynch & Jamie Goldstein

TH Art 9:55-10:50 (B Group)

Jennifer Ramsey & Kathleen Chu Cheong

On The Calendar

Tue., Sept. 3

First Grade Family Potluck 5:30-700

Thu., Sept. 12

Back-to-School Night 6:30-7:15

Wed., Sept. 18

Photo Day – class pics

Thu., Sept. 19

Photo Day – individual pics

Mon., Oct. 14

No School - teacher work day

Thu., Oct. 31

Halloween Parade (more info to come)