

Room 13 News

September 4, 2018

Greetings from Room 13!

Please come to Back to School Night on Thursday.

Here is the schedule:

Back-to-School Night - Thursday, September 13th 6:00-7:30

Auditorium with Mr. Caceres followed by K-5 classroom presentations.

Here's A Glimpse Into The Curriculum...

Reading Workshop: During reading workshop, we have worked on the routines of the workshop, reading at your "just- right level," and I have spent time reading with children one-on-one. When I meet with the children, I am checking their just- right book choices, setting goals for their reading and teaching reading strategies.

Writing Workshop: In writing workshop we begin with poetry. We teach writing in a workshop format, just like reading. We begin each workshop with a mini lesson - a teaching point for the day. The children then set off to write. As they write, I confer with kids and teach at their individual level. Poetry is a wonderful way to teach children about figurative language, where writers get their ideas and inspirations, as well as the craft of writing - comparisons, using describing words and creating mental images for the reader.

Math: We use a workshop format to teach math, too. We use a workshop format for important areas of the curriculum because we want children to engage in their **own** learning. Workshops begin with a brief lesson. Then, the children engage in the "work" of learning. Workshops end with a conference - where the work of the day is discussed and shared. We have been playing games and doing fun activities which review and practice our math facts. We also are practicing our skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's.

Science and Social Studies: Our first unit in science will focus on Ecosystems. Our master gardener, Dawniele Pasha, will be working with the kids to learn more about plants and animals in the garden. Our first Social Studies unit will focus on mapping.

Interested in Volunteering??? Through the Park School website, please sign up for one of the many volunteer jobs including Library Helper, Garden helper, Rainy Day lunch helper and Art helper. Any help at all is greatly appreciated.

Have a great week!