

Friday, June 6, 2008

Dear Parent,

It is hard to believe that in five short days, your child will end his/her first year of school. This has been a wonderful year! As I do the final assessments for report cards, I am amazed by the growth that each boy and girl has made this year. Not only have they all grown physically, but also each and every one of them has grown as a person. Next week, it will be so fun to show your son/daughter how he/she wrote his/her name at the beginning of the year and how he/she drew a picture of himself/herself during the first weeks of school. Often time's children do not have any idea that they are continually growing and maturing. That is why it is so important to take time next week to show the children things that demonstrate how much they have grown during the course of this school year.

Whether your child attends the summer EXPLORE program or not, it is extremely important that you provide him/her with experiences to maintain the skills learned this year. Keep reading to or with your child, watch [Between The Lions on PBS](#), initiate conversations and listen to your child talk in complete sentences. You can practice counting, writing numbers, addition, subtraction, telling time by the hour and counting money with your child every week during the summer. Keeping a journal of their summer activities is a nice way to keep writing and phonic skills active.

Next week will be a busy one. The last day of school for students is Friday, June 13. **Since the last day will be a minimum day, there will be NO minimum day on Wednesday, June 11.** This is different from the regular routine so please make note of it on your calendar. In summary, pick up your child from school at 2:20 instead of 1:30 on Wednesday.

We will be conducting a short closing ceremony on the last day, Friday, June 13, beginning at 12:15. I will be giving each student his/her award, report card, and kindergarten certificate. You are invited to come and help say good-bye to a fantastic group of young people. Also, please be sure to take care of all unpaid lunch fees or pay for any lost library books. Please remember that the last day is a Minimum Day. This means all the kids in the entire school will be released at the same time and the parking lot will be crowded.

We are continuing to accept registrations of kindergarten students for the 2008 – 2009 school year. You can get a registration form and list of entry requirements from the school office. You can see the requirements on the school's web page.

This will be the last Friday note of the year. I hope that this communication has been useful.