

For your consideration...

This week there are many items for you to review, attached to this note are three items requiring your consideration. Please read them over and decide if you wish to participate. Then indicate your choice and return the notes to school.

1. First is a field trip/excursion form to inform you about our upcoming field trip to the pumpkin patch in Blue Lake on Wednesday, October 17. Please read, write your student's name on the top and sign below to give your permission for them to go on the trip. Then return it to Mr. Lentz next week.
2. Second is a not from the TOOTH Americorp program telling about their oral health education and prevention program. We need parental permission for them to receive fluoride tablets, a screening, and brushing instruction. Please take time to read the note over, make a decision and return the note to Mr. Lentz next week if you would like your child to participate.
3. Stapled at the end of the packet is our first classroom book order. This is a voluntary program; you are under no obligation to purchase anything. I am sending it home because it provides many great selections at inexpensive prices. There are several choices of award-winning books, theme and holiday related books, as well as books that will help your child recognize ABC's, rhyme, phonics, and beginning readers too!

If you wish to make any selections, please complete the order form on the last page of each catalogue and return it to Mr. Lentz along with payment. If you are paying by check, please make it out to Scholastic Book Clubs. If you are paying with cash, please put it in a sealed envelope and write your child's name, Mr. Lentz, & Room 9 in case it gets misplaced at school.

The last day to order will be Friday, October 5, 2007.

Friday, September 28, 2007

Dear Parent,

Today your child is bringing home their first writing journal. Each day I teach them one thematic idea and afterwards they write about that idea in their journal. Have your child tell you what he/she wrote in their journal. The Barbara Saul book this week was Cats. The KinderFriend book was Me Too! The Phonics Library book that came home was We Can Make It!

Prompt, daily attendance is essential to your child's success in school. It is important to have your child at school by 8:20 AM every day. Everything we do in kindergarten is built upon previous lessons. If your child misses school, he/she will not have those experiences to build on. The school receives its funding only for children who are in attendance daily. Be aware that this year South Bay Union School District will be much more aggressive in addressing attendance problems.

I want to talk about our Read Alouds, which are designed to replicate and extend the story time sharings that are enjoyed by families. In our Read Alouds, we use the big and little books like Cats and the Kinderfriends books such as Me Too! For beginning readers, the choral reading of the predictable text bridges the gap between story listening and story reading. It encourages children to become active participants in the reading process. The Read Aloud enhances and increases text exploration through repeated readings. It helps to build children's confidence in reading and allows them to learn at their own pace in a risk-free environment.

On Wednesday, October 17, we are going to Christie's Pumpkin Patch in Blue Lake. Each child will select a pumpkin to take home. Permission forms are being sent home today with this note and need to be signed and returned A.S.A.P. Children who do not have signed permission forms will not be permitted to go.

We will be leaving just after school starts and should return by lunch. Make sure they are dressed in play clothes and are wearing comfortable shoes. We need 3 or 4 parents to accompany us. Please note that ONLY children enrolled in our school can come with us, no younger children. I need chaperones that are free to supervise the students in our class. If lots of adults want to chaperone there may not be enough room on the bus and you would have to carpool to and from Blue Lake. If you would like to help chaperone, please contact me.

For your information:

1. NO TOYS are to be brought to school.
2. If your daughter wears a dress to school, please be sure she is wearing shorts underneath.