

September 25, 2009

Dear Kindergarten Families,

We are off to a wonderful start. As tiring as the beginning of Kindergarten can be, the kids are clicking right into a nice routine. There are so many routines to establish. In the morning we are learning how Writer's Workshop works as well as our Zoo Phonics lessons. Just after lunch we are working out how our Daily 5 routine works.

I am sad to share that Allison B. will no longer be part of our Kindergarten class. She had an opportunity to be in a Japanese emersion Pprogram at John Stanford School. As much as Allison will be missed, we are happy for her new adventure and wish her all the best.

I do find it hard to believe that October begins next week. Didn't school just start? **Next Thursday, Oct. 1st** from 3:15-3:45 there will be a "Green Team" meeting in the 5th grade classroom. Any students and/or parents who would like to help our school become more "Green," please come to the meeting. **Also, Friday, Oct. 2nd** is "Blessing of the Animals." Students are invited to bring their pets or pictures of pets, or stuffed animals to school in the morning for a prayer assembly and blessing in Banchemero Hall. If you do allow your child to bring in a pet, please assist and take them home right after the prayer assembly. Thank you!

Requests:

I need many more **parent volunteers** to sign up for our center times **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:15-11:15**. During this time there are 9 different centers and at least 3 of them need people to work due to Mrs. Thole and I working our own centers. I really love the flow of the centers and ability to work with such small numbers. So if you are willing

to work centers, please check out the volunteer calendar on the webpage and email me the dates you are willing to volunteer. I'll update the volunteer page with your requests.

I also need the September homework turned in. This includes the writing folders, family pictures and shoe box. We will be decorating our boxes Oct. 5th and sending them home for nightly reading that day.

Reminders:

We have no school Friday, October 9th. The teachers have a professional religion workshop day.