



## Pod 1 News August 26, 2009

Dear Parents,

Thank you, thank you, and thank you for attending our Parent Orientation yesterday!! Your parent participation was truly awesome! We are glad that you felt and said that this parent session was valuable to you. We look forward to working together and keeping the lines of communication open throughout the year.

Here is an update of our pod happenings:

- **Language Arts** We are continuing to read stories to them, discuss main ideas, “Stomp & Chomp” the Word Wall vocabulary, and read our First Grade readers. We have individually assessed each child’s reading ability. We will share those results with you at Parent Teacher Conferences in September.
- **Reading Bags** Your child is bringing home a Reading Bag with a leveled reader in it. Please listen to your child read it, help as needed, sign the Reading Log (enclosed in the bag), and return the Reading Bag and book the next day. We use the books in class. Several reading strategies were shared yesterday and enclosed in the parent packet given at our orientation.
- **Math** We have learned to identify the points on each number using the Touchpoints strategies. The students are already learning to add using the points! Yea! We are learning these skills: identifying numbers, simple addition, making “number sense”, and developing Math vocabulary.
- **Homework** The have written Math homework on Tuesday and Thursday. Please look at the homework, help as needed, and sign/initial the homework. Your signature indicates that you have seen the homework and helped as needed. The students should return the homework in their Dragon Folder.
- **Unit** We have learned about Rules (school, bus, and classroom) Me, Myself, and I, and the Human Body. Please take time to discuss these ideas at home.
- **Dates to Remember:**

**Aug. 27**

**Fall Pictures at FRPS**

**Sept 7**

**Labor Day NO SCHOOL**



## **Parent Orientation Highlights**

- ❖ Please return the Dragon Folder **every day** after reviewing your child's work. Remember to take a few minutes to check for any notes/information inside the folder.
- ❖ **Read with your child each night!** By the end of each week your child should be able to read the story independently.
- ❖ Continue to help with homework as needed. Please let us know if your child is having difficulty with the homework or if it takes longer than 20 minutes to complete the written part.
- ❖ Remember that reading bag books should be easy because our main goal is fluency.
- ❖ **Snacks** – Please send when you can. We eat some each day.
- ❖ **Treasure Box** – Send small inexpensive items that we can share with the students as rewards.
- ❖ Feel free to call us at school between 3:00 – 3:15 if you have any questions or have concerns. We will be happy to talk with you.

## **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

- ❖ Car Riders: Parents may come at 2:45. Please wait under the outside foyer when picking up a child. Only the parent or an adult can pick up a child.
- ❖ Please make us aware of any custody problems.
- ❖ Visitors need to check in at the office. Also, parents need an I.D. to enter the building. **Remember to get a release slip if you are picking up your child early!**
- ❖ Please do not park on the yellow curb. It is for Drop Off only.
- ❖ Please do not drop off your child before 8:00. **Also, when possible, make every effort to not interrupt class by picking up your child early.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION!!  
WE APPRECIATE YOU!!**