



News From Pod 3

Together We Can!

October 5, 2009



Thank You!

Thank you for the many ways you have helped and supported the school, teachers and students during the past month. We are seeing growth in the student's academics and we are thankful for the wonderful contributions you have made to our efforts to make our classroom a place of active exploration. Your donations to our student made grocery store are being put to good use. A thank you also goes to those who have contributed items for the PTA Basket Auction. (Pod 3 is putting together a gift wrapping basket.) We would like to thank you for attending our Parent-Teacher Conferences and for ensuring that your child completes all homework assignments. Our success here at school is greatly impacted by your support!

Reading Rates

Every child is engaged in reading daily. We are using whole group, small group and individualized reading instruction. We are also using more graphic organizers to help the students with story comprehension, retelling and writing assignments. This past week two of our staff members presented a story and followed up by showing the students how to make and use a flow chart and venn diagram for organizing information. Each child will begin making and using their own organizers.

Please continue to help your child learn the sight words that have been sent home. This knowledge will improve reading fluency which will help improve comprehension.

Math Matters

We are now making both addition and subtraction models with cubes, explaining why and how a problem was done and writing each number sentence. Math vocabulary includes plus, minus, equal, sum and difference.

We also continue to use the 4-step problem solving method daily. (Read, plan, solve and look back.)

Explorations

We are now introducing our Pod 3 Grocery Store. We will begin linking to prior knowledge by making a KWL Chart. (What do you know? What do you want to know?) We will begin working in small work stations doing tasks related to a grocery store as the students begin sorting, classifying and stocking the shelves of our store. We will document our tasks and post the results on our school web page.

- If you have any plastic grocery bags please send some for our store.

Dates to Remember

October 12-16—Fall Break

Wednesday, Oct 21—Report Card Day

Friday, Oct 30—Costume Parade and Party (More info to follow.)



Reminder

Pod 3 is putting together a Gift Wrapping Basket for the PTA. It will be auctioned off at the Fall Carnival. If you would like to donate any items used for gift wrapping all contributions are welcome. Suggestions are: ribbon or bows, gift tags, gift bags, wrapping paper, tissue paper, tape, etc.

The PTA is a great help to the Ft Rucker Schools. They help us obtain items that enhance our work and learning environment and provide opportunities that we could have in no other way.

This is but a small way we can support their efforts to help our schools.

Book Fair

- PTA Book Fair Oct 5-8
Primary School
Parents must accompany child to make a purchase. A perfect way to support your child in reading!

Talent, Skills, Hobbies Needed

The Primary School is looking for persons who are willing to share their interests, career skills, talents or hobbies with our students. If you have a skill that you would be willing to share or demonstrate to us please contact us. We are looking for any skill such as art, model building, sewing, knitting, quilting, trains, stamp collecting, traveling, skate boarding, etc.

It is our desire to make learning relevant to everyday life. We can best do this by having people share their knowledge and interests with us.

If you know of any persons in our community who would be willing to share with us please pass along that information also.

