

SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

401 Newsletter

Spelling

We will be starting spelling in October (for second and third years only). First years- Our first year students should memorize all the **100 Words for First Graders** (in your Friday Folder) by the beginning of January. Have your child spell out the words aloud, use flash cards, and have them write it in a sentence ect... It is important to not overwhelm your child with all 100 words at one time. If they misspell more than 3 words from that list of 15, then have them study those words again.

Need Help

Materials needed!! This year for our cultural unit, we are studying our solar system and invertebrates. We need some materials (books, charts, objects, pictures etc...) for our library and curriculum. If you have any extra materials that you can donate or let us borrow, please check in with the teachers before sending any items to the classroom.

Reminders

First Field Trip:

Academy of Sciences on Friday, October 11- Our field trip coordinator will be contacting all the possible chaperones. Please have your TB test, finger prints and training done before our field trip date. More info. will go out later.

Sharing

Sharing will begin in October. Please look at the calendar next month for this to begin.

Reading Group Volunteers

We are still looking for a few more volunteers. Please contact us if you are available to help in the classroom on:

- **Monday's from: 12:30-2:30**

We are setting up our reading groups and hope to be able to create a 2 hour reading block, and with your help we can create this activity.

Please make sure to get your fingerprints/ TB test done if you would like to volunteer in the classroom.

Cultural

For the past two weeks we have been focusing our cultural study on the Universe. The 1st years have created the "Blackness of the Universe". The 2nd years have created the "The Galaxies and the Cosmos", and the 3rd years are creating planets and planet reports. This whole class project is displayed in our classroom above the sink. Come check out their art after school!

**Thank You,
Jennifer & Sara**