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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23...

Important things to know (aka even if you don't read the rest of the newsletter you should read this!)

- Thursday- All school chapel, 8:40 a.m. & Run for Reading Event, 2:30 p.m. (see note below).
- Friday—Cassidy's Birthday
- Saturday—Carson's Birthday

CURRICULUM THIS WEEK...

•ELA (ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS)

We are continuing with setting the structures and procedures of Daily 5 in place. This week we will add "Listening to Reading" and "Writing" blocks.

•MATH

This week we will do a review of telling time including to the full hour, half hour, quarter hour, five minutes, and minute. We will also study elapsed time and rounding. Also, yes we are actually beginning Rocket Math (for real this time ☺). Please go here if you'd like to volunteer some time to our classroom to grade rocket math. In second grade the same set of parents did Rocket Math on a weekly basis. I have it set up a bit differently. You can sign up for any day in September or October that fits your schedule—just one or as many as you would like. I will send out that link at some point on Monday.

•SCIENCE

The students have been over the moon excited about our physical science projects. In order to illustrate their knowledge of physical science they are constructing cardboard houses that meet certain requirements. They must have magnetic closures on doors and windows and must illustrate force and motion. Some students are even outfitting their houses with little circuits they made with batteries and light bulbs. It is so cool to see their knowledge in action!

•BIBLE

We are wrapping up our unit on "Becoming Bible Explorers" this week. We will have a (short) test on this unit on Friday. Once again we will take care of the bulk of the studying at school. Going over the information with your child once or twice at home Thursday/Friday night will be sufficient.

•HANDWRITING

We are beginning the foundational strokes of cursive.

Run for Reading

This week Thursday evening is the WSCS "Run for Reading" 5k. To get the students in the spirit Mrs. Verkdik and Mrs. Bruinsma have organized a mini "Run for Reading" for the students at the end of our school day. Students will run laps (as many as he or she is able) and collect rubber bands for each lap completed. It is a fun event! Please note that the 3rd graders have been asked to wear orange shirts for this event—we have a classroom set of orange t-shirts that we use for field trips. So the orange shirts will be provided for this event!

A FEW NOTES . . .

- Our class will start Technology this week Wednesday from 9:30-10. There is a form that I will send home on Monday that you will need to sign, giving your student permission to use the technology at WSCS.
- In years past Mr. Bonnema, our school counselor, has done a series of lessons on friendship with the third graders. They are generally weekly 30 minute lessons that last for 4-5 weeks. I've found them to be incredibly valuable to my students. I'm looking forward to Mr. Bonnema starting these with our class this fall. We haven't nailed down a start date yet, but it will likely be within the next two weeks.
- This past weekend on Saturday morning I had the opportunity to take my boys to meet a friend and her children at the farmer's market in Holland. It was a glorious fall morning, sunny and cool. I don't think there is a more bountiful time of year at the market—flowers, pumpkins, and the last of the summer veggies. I was struck by the might and beauty of God's hand in the changing seasons. What a comfort to have such a faithful savior. Enjoy the sights and smells of the changing season!