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Hello Parents!

Last week was a very busy first week of getting to know each other and starting into some of our routines. This week I will continue to introduce some of our classroom routines. The students did a great job of coming up with class rules which I modified slightly. We've been reviewing them every day. Here's what you can expect your child to do this week.

Reading: 2nd grade-The story is *Exploring Space*. The students will start with ring words this week. They will only be the High Frequency words. I am also sending home a sheet that has the meanings of the vocabulary words so you can review them with your child.

3rd grade-The story this week is "What about Me". The 3rd graders will have their family times from their workbook in their red folder. Please keep it there as it has different things to help them with their activities. **(2nd and 3rd grade parents-I will have the child bring their books home 3x a week! They will read half of the story to you each night and the whole story night 3. You can also take turns reading.)** This helps with oral reading and fluency which I will describe more in the coming weeks.

Spelling City-Things are not set up under my name yet. You can access everything through Jan Bergelin. Accelerated Reader (AR)-The children have begun picking out books and reading them. Children can start taking their quizzes this week.

Math: 2nd grade will work with various addition and subtraction strategies. 3rd grade is working with 5's and 2's multiplication. The math series will continue to have little notes to send home which explain what we are doing. You may want to keep them on hand as you become familiar with the new math! :)

Religion: Our stories this week both have promises attached to them. Our first story is about Abraham and the promise God gives to him. The second story is about Isaac, Jacob and Esau and the promised birthright.

Memory: NEW!! Upon evaluating the class schedule, I would like to change the memory to being said on Wednesday and Friday. This also allows one more day of practice! The memory for the week is 1)Those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. "Galatians 3:9 2)Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. "Matthew 5:44"

Science: We will be learning about the parts of a plant, how seeds travel and grouping plants this week. We will also be doing an experiment to see what happen when plants need water.

Social Studies: Our unit is titled at school and we will meet a boy named Andrew who will be featured in the unit. We will learn what a team and a group are. The children will begin to understand that they are all in different groups throughout the day whether at recess, in class, or on a team.

Reminders:

Picture Day is Wednesday! If you want to send extra clothes for your child to change into after pictures that is okay with me.

Webpage and twitter-Thank you to the parents who let me know they couldn't open things on the webpage. I think I fixed the problem so documents should open now. All twitter updates for 1-3rd grade for my room are under @12trinityrantou. In the past there was one for the 2nd-3rd and one for 1-2nd.

Blessings on your week!

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