The first couple of weeks of school have gone very smoothly and we are off to a great start! The children seem to be excited to be back at school and we are enjoying learning all about them.

Every month, we will be sending out a newsletter. This is one way we will keep you informed. Each month look in the newsletter for important info!

Important Dates:

Beginning of Grade Testing 9/13

Curriculum Night 09/15 6:30PM

Fire Safety Program 9/19

Suitcase Project Due (information coming home tomorrow) 9/26

** Literacy**:We have been building a reading life by reviewing procedures and learning strategies to help us become stronger readers. We’re also learning to choose just right books.

**Writing**: We are generating ideas and working on writing stories about meaningful, small events that happen in our lives. We’re also building a writing community in our classroom by getting to know one another as authors.

** Math**: We are in the midst of our first unit. Students are reviewing their number sense, problem solving and math facts. We’re beginning to work on strategies for adding multi digit numbers including break apart, number line and adding by place. We’re also reviewing standard form, expanded form and written form. Next, we’ll move into rounding and place value.

**C:\Users\loretta.thurston\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\JBJCWIZW\MC900351955[1].wmf Science**: We’re ready to begin our first unit on matter. Students will be studying matter and its properties. Our next unit will be focused on Energy.

** Teacher’s Notes**:

-Please be sure to join us next Thursday, September 15th for Curriculum Night. It will prove to be very informative.

-Students are expected to read for 30 minutes each night and complete the assigned math homework. Also, remember to sign the reading log and check your child’s agenda every night!

On Tuesday (09/13) we will be administering the Beginning of Grade test in reading. This is an assessment used to measure your child’s growth from the beginning of 3rd grade to the end of the year. It is not necessary to do any type of test prep or studying for this assessment as it used as a benchmark.

Yesterday, we started switching classes for math. These groups were created based on teacher observation, beginning of the year assessment and second grade input. Groups were differentiated based on your child’s level of independence. These groups are FLUID and will change throughout the year as needed. Please contact your child’s homeroom teacher with any questions or concerns.

**Thank you for all you do to help your children be successful in their learning!!!!**