



ROOM
4-505

ANGELA AND ERICA'S CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

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A PEEK INTO OUR WEEKS

MATH : Please help your child to practice memorizing his/her multiplication facts! It is essential that students know these facts automatically, as the multiplication units become progressively more difficult throughout the year. We have begun our first unit in multiplication in which we study the array model, the relationship between factors and multiples, and the difference between prime and composite numbers.

READING : Book Baggies are expected to go home each night and come back to school the following day. Students should be logging in the minutes read at home and in school. Their reading log is a graph, which stays in the Take Home folder. We begin our unit on "Summary/Determining Importance." We will use picture books and short texts to learn this skill. Assessments will be given throughout the unit to determine how students are progressing.

WRITING : Students have begun to generate entries in the notebooks. Students will have a handful of strategies for selecting a topic that show meaning. Some strategies include looking at photos, writing lists, drawing webs, and jotting box and bullets. Our classroom bulletin board illustrates expectations for entries which include: punctuation, capitalization, a heading, the date, paragraphs, complete sentences, evidence of proofreading for spelling, and volume. Images of our bulletin boards will be posted on the website in the next few weeks. Also, there will eventually be writing resources taped into the students' notebooks.

SOCIAL STUDIES : Community Building continues in Room 505. We were excited to see such interest in our "Friend Wanted" bulletin board. The students have been anxiously awaiting the reveal of their mystery friends. Hopefully they will use this experience to meet new friends. Soon we begin our geography study.

WORD STUDY: We have administered formal word study assessments and have organized the class into two groups. Word Study lessons and activities will be held in the classroom about 3 days each week; however, most of the practice is independent through Home Learning activities.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

September 21 and 22 - Rosh Hashanah - No School
September 27 @ 9:10 - PHOTO DAY!!
September 28 - Wingspan begins! (theater program)

A NOTE FROM ANGELA + ERICA :

Thank you for all the Amazon supplies, attending curriculum night, and getting forms in on time!

Please see our updated specials schedule below.

A LOOK AHEAD :

- We continue to administer formal TC Reading Assessments
- Home Learning menus will go home Wednesday and are due back to school the following Wednesday. Parents, please sign each weekly menu!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE :

MONDAY	Computers
TUESDAY	Chorus/Art
WEDNESDAY	P.E.
THURSDAY	Band/Art and Wingspan
FRIDAY	Science and N.D.I.

