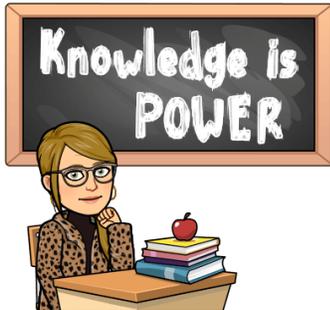


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# The First Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



Welcome to the first edition of our bi-weekly newsletter. This is where you will find updates on new things we're learning, special events that may be coming up and any other things that need to be highlighted.

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## 3rd Grade Parent Orientation Night

On Tuesday, September 22nd, the IC is hosting an orientation night for 3rd grade parents. The formal presentation will take place in the classroom at 5:30. Please note that I am also the 8th grade girl's volleyball coach. We have a home game that night as well. I will be leaving the game for the presentation and for some Q & A time if it is needed. I do hope to make it back to finish out the game. More to come.....

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## Friday Folders

Today your child will be bringing home their Friday folder. This will come home every Friday with important papers for you to read, homework that has been corrected or completed and occasionally papers that need to be signed and returned. Please sign and date the goldenrod colored paper inside the folder so I know you saw your child's papers. You will keep the all papers inside the folder unless they would need to be signed and returned (i.e. a permission slip).

## Assignment Notebooks

Thank you to all of you for signing the assignment notebook page each night. It is a great tool for communication. We usually fill them out first thing in the morning, so I do see the messages.

### Academics:

**Reading-** We are working on building up our "muscle memory" when it comes to reading to self. We also learned about picking "Just Right" books. Those are books that your child could read most of the words on each page (may need help with 1 or 2), and they can understand what they are reading.

**Math-** Please look for an overview of Unit 1 in your child's Friday folder today. In this unit we are focusing on addition and subtraction strategies. I will be sending home sheets on "Helping at Home". Just know there are many ways to get to an answer. As we practice them, your child will find ones that work for them. *Please note, if your child is really struggling on a homework assignment, jot me a note and send along with their homework. I will help them in school.*

**Language arts-** This week and next we will be taking a few assessments. Today we finished a spelling screener testing the students on their priority word. Next week we will be spending 45 minutes writing about a small moment in their life. Both of these will help me learn more about your child as a learner and what skills they know and what skills they will need to work on.

**Social studies/Science-** We opened the wall for the first time so Mrs. Messmann and I could introduce ourselves and share with the students the topics they will be learning in both social studies and science. The students were excited to see friends in the other room.

## Fastbridge-aMath and aReading Assessments

In the next few weeks the students will be taking a district assessment for both math and reading. These are both small snapshots to see where the children are at this time. There is also a fluency portion where I will be able to sit one on one with the students and listen to them read.

### Important Information/Reminders:

- Early Release- Monday, September 11 @ 12:40 pm
- aReading test- September 12, 11:30-12:30 \*Try to avoid scheduling appointments if possible for both testing days/times
- aMath testing- September 13, 9:00-10:00
- CBM fluency reading testing- Thursday, September 14th
- Picture Day- September 20

## Special Star

Almost every week there will be a write up about a special person in our classroom in this section of the newsletter. I was our special star this week. I will celebrate my birthday in March. My top food is crab legs. I enjoy almost all genres of music. Every day after school right now I go to a volleyball practice or a game. My favorite book to read to students is *Jennifer Murdley's Toad*. One thing that I feel I do well is decorate my house inside and out and if I hadn't become a teacher, I would love to have been an interior designer. I love to watch home improvement shows. Visiting Hawaii, Austria and either Ireland or Norway are all on my bucket list.

