

September 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

Wow, we worked so hard this week. Your little ones should be coming home exhausted. We've been busy, busy, busy.

We started our "specials schedules", which includes art, music and PE. In art this week, we learned about Frida Kahlo and about self portraits. In music we had a lesson on high notes and low notes and learned to march to the beat in the music. In PE, the kids were taught a fun game called "Steal the Bacon" and the kiddos loved it!

Next week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, our literacy team is going to perform the DIBELS assessment on ALL kindergartners. DIBELS (Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills) are a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade. Please be sure your child is well rested, fed and here on time next week.

Snack: If your child's name **begins** with the **letter B**, it's your child's turn to **donate snack** for the week. Please remember that we try to have a low sugar (if possible) snack each day. If you are able, please provide a snack for 54 children. Please be advised, we do have a child with a serious allergy to Nuts.

Reading Horizons: Reading Horizons helps teachers provide effective reading strategies with one on one instruction, it is partnered with a digital program. The computer program is also available at home or anywhere you have online access. AISU has purchased this program for each kindergarten student and we've created an account for each of them to use at school and at home. We highly encourage using this program as much as possible.

Reading Horizons Website

Login: <http://www.americaninternationalschool.rhdiscovery.com>

Password: child's name with the first letter of last name, no capitals

Example- For **Sherry Spence** it would be: sherrys

for **George Washington** it would be: georgew

If it asks for a site ID, it is, *americaninternationalschool*

Please remember, when using Reading Horizons at home, you can support your child but **DO NOT** do it for them. The program is designed to adjust the level of difficulty with the correct or incorrect answers. If it has been done for them at home it makes it more difficult at school and then your child gets frustrated.

Birthday Celebrations: Birthday's are such a special time to celebrate your child's life and we love to be a part of it. We have attached a document with how we celebrate birthdays in our classroom. We also sent this document home in the back to school folder, but a lot of you have asked for it again. Please take the time to read it and plan accordingly.

Upcoming:

September 4th: No School Labor Day

September 11th: Bring an Apple to school

September 21st: Field trip to Tracy Aviary. If you have **not signed the permission slip**, please do so **ASAP**. The donation for this field trip is \$5 or you can pay \$40 for the entire year. You can pay your donation in the front office or you can pay online [here](#) under the the **donation tab** then click the kindergarten class field trip.

September 28th: Elementary Cider Social ~ There has been **date changed** from the **21st to the 28th**

October 10th: Field trip to Cornbelly's - The donation for this field trip is \$5. Please be sure you pay the front office **ASAP**

ALL volunteer's need a background check, even if you have completed it elsewhere -if you would like to go on a field trip, help at parties, come in the class and read with kids, you will **NEED** to have a clear background check. These take a few weeks to clear, so if you want to go to Tracy Aviary, you need to do it ASAP. Click [here](#) for the link for the background check.

If you would like to volunteer for Tracy Aviary, you can sign up [here](#).

Have a great day, have a wonderful long weekend saying "goodbye" to Summer.

Warmest regards and appreciation for all you do.

The Dragonfly Team

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