

# News from Mrs. Barnett's Classroom

## August 23, 2019



### Weekly Highlights

**Monday-** We had a great first day back to school. We learned each other's names, our favorite animals and worked on our Math About Me activity. These are now hanging up outside our classroom. Students learned classroom procedures, routines and expectations. They did a great job being patient while we unpacked all of their supplies.

**Tuesday-** Our first full day back.....it was a little long for some of our friends.....but they made it!! We had PE and Spanish. We read "Wemberly Worried" by Kevin Henkes and talked about different strategies to use when we are worried. We introduced Read to Self for Daily 5. The kids did a great job practicing reading to self! Later in the day Ms Naomi came in and introduced Solo Spots. We will go out to our Solo Spots most Friday mornings. At the end of the day we worked together in groups of 4 on What We Want in a Teacher and Classmate posters. The kids came up with great characteristics of each!

**Wednesday-** Today we worked on our Self Portraits and hung them up in the back of the classroom. We will do this at the beginning of each month. It is a lot of fun to see how they grow as artists throughout the year. Students worked hard on a spelling check and wrote about what they did over the summer. I was able to show our 2nd graders what they wrote last year and all of their jaws dropped when I showed them what they wrote this year. They couldn't believe how much they have grown as writers. I look forward to doing the same next year with our first graders. We also had PE and Art today.

**Thursday-** We started working in our Handwriting Without Tears workbooks. We will work on handwriting on a daily basis in the mornings. Later in the morning we read the book "I Am Albert Einstein" by Brad Meltzer and talked about what we are curious about. Students wrote and drew what they are curious about and will share later on. We also introduced "Work on Writing" and students started to write in their "Work on Writing" journals and continued to practice Read to Self. Our specials on Thursday are Spanish (morning) and Music (afternoon).

**Friday-** On Fridays we will start our day off with Solo Spots. We will have 2 solo spots this year. Today we went to Prairie Smoke Pond. The students found a spot that they will hopefully remember and will sit at throughout the year. Today they focused on drawing their spot and labeling their pictures. We took some time for students to share their work and then they went to Art and Music. Later in the day we continued to practice Work on Writing and Read to Self. It was a great week!!!

### Math Highlights

We started math on Thursday. We did introductions and worked on getting to know one another. We started learning new routines for our Number Corner. Students will have jobs of writing the date and keeping track of how many days of school. We also introduced the work places. Students had an opportunity to explore the different math tools. They worked with unifix cubes, pattern shapes and dominoes. We will continue to learn new procedures and routines. I look forward to working with your child in Math this year.

I have included a parent letter on my webpage and in seesaw for you to read more about what your child will be learning about in the Bridges curriculum.

## Important Dates

- **Tuesday, Aug 27th- Picture Day** (make sure to turn in your child's photo envelope)
- **Monday-Thursday Aug 26-29- Benchmarking** (make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep and a good breakfast)
- **Friday, Aug 30th- Early Release @ 1pm**
- **Monday, Sept 2nd- No School/Labor Day**
- **Tuesday, Sept 10th- Curriculum Night** in the gym 6-7pm (we hope to see you there)

## Important Information

- Please be sure that your child's **carpool number** is clearly posted in your car. This will help carpool run smoothly.
- **Tuesday is student picture day.** Please be sure to send in their photo envelope.
- I sent home a yellow **Highlights magazine** paper on Friday. Please fill it out with a yes or no and return on Monday. Our classroom will get extra supplies if we have them all turned in. Thank you!
- Please be sure to sign up for **Seesaw**. I will be posting pictures on a weekly basis. This is a great tool to open up communication with your child and to talk about their day.
- The week of **Sept 9-13 is Attendance Week.** We would like to encourage you to make sure that your child is in school this week and all other weeks. We will be celebrating each day with a specific theme. I will send out the daily themes closer to the date above.
- Please be sure to send in your child's **assignment notebook daily.** We will fill it out in the afternoon each day. Thank you!
- Your child should have an **extra set of clothing** in their locker. Please send it in a gallon ziploc bag if they do not already have it. Thank you!
- Please be sure that your child **wears closed toe shoes every day** to school. Flip flops are not good for going out on nature walks. Thank you for your cooperation!
- I do have an open door policy for my classroom. Parents are welcome to help in the classroom after filling out the volunteer form (found in powerschool) and signing in at the office for lunch/recess at 11:10-12:10. We prefer a 24 hour notice of when you are planning to visit. There will also be other opportunities for you to come into the classroom. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!
- Our class will have **lunch at 11:10** and **snack at 1:30.** Please remember that any nut food will need to be eaten at lunch time as well as any food that needs to be heated up. Your child will have enough time to eat a small snack at 1:30.
- Please remember that if you need to come into the Comstock building for **any reason**, you will need to **sign in at the office.** Thank you for your cooperation.
- This year I will be running 2 clubs. The first club is **Crazy 8's Math Club for K-2** and the other club is **TaeKwonDo Club.** I have attached the registration forms in case your child is interested in participating.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to partnering with you this year!