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**Mrs. Alvarado classroom News**

September 12, 2014

General Information and Reminders

* Next week your child will be taking the CogAT test on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is reasoning ability test, so there is nothing that your child will need to do in order to prepare for this assessment. The CogAT will simply be testing what your ability to reason. Even though your child can’t study for the test, here are a few things that he/she can do to do his/her best:

- Eat a good breakfast! Brains don’t work on an empty tummy.

- Make sure your child is present and on time as testing begins promptly at 9:00.

- Encourage your child to simply try his or her best.

- Get lots of rest the night before the test.

* As a result of the CogAT, we will have a different specials schedule. Our specials will be from 1:30 – 2:00 instead of our regular scheduled time. Our specials rotation will stay the same. Our lunch schedule will be the same.
* Thank you for all of your support this year. We have a wonderful class, and I am already seeing such growth in all of the children! ☺

I am very excited about working together with you and your student!

Educationally yours,

Mrs.Alvarado ☺

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Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions or concerns, but please do not send time sensitive messages, such as change in transportation or absences through e-mail.

Curriculum Notes

We continued to work on our geometry unit where we discussed shapes. The kids have done a wonderful job with this. We also began our Fractions unit. We will continue with fractions next week.

In Language Arts this past week, we started to work with short I words. We began introducing reading strategies that can help the children when they get stuck on a word. Ask them about Eagle Eye, and Lips the Fish. Don’t forget to encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes every night.

In Science this week we discussed the different states of matter, and introduced the water cycle. Ask your children to sing the water cycle song for you. They had fun learning it and are so proud of the vocabulary that they learned.

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Additional Notes….

* Remember, the students will take the CogAT test from next Monday, the 15th, until next Wednesday, the 17th. Get lots of rest, and a good breakfast each of these days!
* I look forward to visiting with each of your at your child’s conference.
* Friday, September 19, 2014 Bruster’s Blue Pop Ice during lunch. Remember that the cost is $2.00.
* Mark your calendars and plan to attend Pizza Bingo on Friday, September 19, 2014 at 6:00.
* September 24th and 25th Early Release. Dismissal is at 12:45 on these days.

Specials Rotation for Next Week:

* Monday-STEM
* **Tuesday- \*P.E.**
* Wednesday-Art
* Thursday- STEM
* **Friday- \*P.E.**

**\* Remember to wear tennis shoes on P.E. days\***