Ms. Evans, Grade 4 August 20, 2014

**PBIS:**

We are working on building a strong classroom

community!

**Homework:**

**Homework free week!!! Homework will begin September 8th**

\*Visit our class website: http://karenlevans.weebly.com/

**Spelling Words:**

Spelling starts September 8th!

**Week at a Glance:**

**Circle**

Every morning, each child in the school will spend time learning interpersonal skills, discussing routines, and working together as a classroom family. Other school staff such as specials teachers will be included in the circle. Our goal for the first three weeks of school include focusing on learning about how each individual learns best, getting to know students in our class, and bonding as a classroom family. We will spend a lot of time playing team building games the first week of school so that students will really feel they belong and are an important part of our class.

**Reading/Writing**

The first two weeks of school are an exciting time for readers. Our class will learn how to read fiction stories and nonfiction articles carefully. We will learn about basic skills that we will use in our reading throughout the year.

**During this time our class will focus on:**

* Ways to talk about their reading with partners and the class.
* Strategies to help them pronounce long words.
* Strategies to figure out the meanings of hard words they read.
* How to find important details in fiction stories and nonfiction articles as they read.
* How to analyze what they read and write about it.

**Math**

We will do guided math this year using BUILD centers. Part of our math period will be a short whole group lesson. Students will spend the remaining time either completing center activities or working with me in a small group. The centers will include:

B- Buddy games

U- Using manipulatives

I- Independent reading and writing about math

L- Learning about numbers

D- Doing math

**Trans-disciplinary**

Our students will develop an inquiry project to present to the school on 9/5

**Important Dates:**

**Friday**! Carnival/Open House @ 5:30pm

August 26 and 28- MAP Test (math) during school

August 29- No School

September 1- No School

September 9- PTO Meeting @6pm

September 29- Success Ceremony @2:05pm

October 3- No School

October 20- Home Lake field trip

October 14- PTO Meeting @6pm

October 23 and 24- Meals for Teachers during PT conf.

October 23- No School

October 24- No School

October 30- Success Ceremony @2:05pm

**A Note From Ms. Evans:**

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year and to our 4th grade family!  The summer has flown by and I hope you had as much fun as I did.  The start of the school year is as exciting for teachers as it is for students!  I can't wait!

Success in my classroom is directly related to your involvement in the learning process.  Collaborating together as a team will help your child achieve success!  This site will give information about what we are doing in our room and provide you with additional links to help your child practice skills at home!  I will also provide print copies of anything I put on the website so please make sure to communicate with me if that is something you would prefer.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding your child's progress in my classroom or our class procedures.  I'm looking forward to a great year together!

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4th Grade Scholars