

Please let me know if you didn't receive this via email on Monday night!! This will be the last paper newsletter I send home.

Mrs. Berkhof's Newsletter

September 4, 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been an AWESOME start to the year!!!! We have a class of very kind Super Heroes!! Everyone is working on getting settled into the routines of first grade. It is hard to learn when to visit with friends, listen to the teacher, when to resist the urge to play with anything is in front of us, or when to not throw our bodies onto the floor 😊. Please try to get your child to school by 8:25. We take care of a few quick daily items before beginning busy day. Thank you for your assistance in getting everyone to school on time.

We have played many games to get to know one another. The Mystery Friend activity is hilarious to get a good feel for all of their interests and honesty! Many will "fib" about themselves in hopes of being the mystery friend; or their "favorites" change by the time their turn comes up so they become adamant that "blue is not my favorite color."

We have reviewed letter sounds and have started working on reading and writing strategies. Ask your child about the books in his/her book bin and who they've read with.

We have also played KaBoom, Garbage, Penny Dime Dice game, and Top-it! Ask your Super Hero to explain how any of them are played. Garbage is an especially fun family game. 😊

Fun things going on to ask your child about...

...what is your favorite greeting to say in morning meeting?

...what has been on the morning calendar?

...what happened to the super heros when their parents got their hair cut?

...what is WIN time?

...what is a shadow?

Agenda items...

Items to send to school:

Art smockish shirt

If needed, gym shoes

Approved snack EVERY day



Picture Day is Friday, Sept 14th!!! The order forms are coming home this week.

Please complete the order form in paper or online and send in the order or your online receipt with your child by the 14th.



Back to School Night is Thursday, September 13th at 6:30 PM.

I just learned that Curriculum Night is now Back to School night and the format of the evening has been upgraded, as well.

6:30-7:00: Parent Tech Session 1 (optional for parents and led by Sheri in the small gym)

6:45-7:15: Specials & Student Services Meet & Greet, (Lobby)

7:15-8:00: Classroom Session 1 (K & 1st)

7:30-8:00: Tech Session 2 (optional and Sheri Styczen, our director of technology, in the small gym)

7:30-8:15: Specials & Student Services Meet & Greet, (Lobby)

8-8:45: Classroom Session 2 (2nd & 3rd) Glad that's not us this year!!!! ☺



If you have any questions regarding classroom happenings, please do not hesitate to contact me. *Email is the best way to reach me whether to start a conversation or ask me to call you; I check it often. My e-mail address is*

berkhofr@sunsetridge29.org. If you need to get a message to your child before the end of the day, it is best to leave a message with Mrs. Draka in in the office 847.881.9500 and she will be sure we get the information in a timely manner.



Upcoming Events!!!

Monday, Sept 10: No School - Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, Sept 13: Back to School Night

Friday, Sept 14: Picture Day

Wednesday, Sept 19: No School - Yom Kippur

Thursday, Oct 25: Early Release Day 11:45 - School Improvement Day

Friday, Oct 26: No School - School Improvement Day

Monday, Nov 20: Parent Conferences - No School

Tuesday, Nov 21 through Friday, Nov 24: No School - Thanksgiving Break