



# Finch Newsletter 9-7-18

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We have been having an amazing week as we are all adjusting to being back in school!! This class is going to be a joy to work with. Here are some reminders, information, and updates about our class.

- Emergency forms: Thanks to all who have returned the form! Please let the office know through the year if any information on the form changes.
- Field trip: Please return permission slip, lunch form and volunteer form by the end of next week (Sept. 14th).
- The phone number for my direct line to leave a voicemail is 625-0211. Most days I will be able to check this before school and after school. If you leave me a message, I will get back with you as soon as I can.
- Please call the Office for attendance and transportation changes: 625-3101
- Your child should be bringing home a green folder EVERY DAY. Completed work, notes, and other school communication will be in it. I encourage your child to be responsible for showing this to you and for returning any necessary paperwork and the green folder every day.
- Starting next week, I will email our newsletter. If you don't use email, I will send home a paper copy of the newsletter.
- If you haven't yet, please send in a pair of earbuds for your child to use in Technology class.
- Please send in a healthy snack with your child every day. Also, I allow children to drink water only in our classroom.
- Please have your child wear/bring tennis shoes to school **every** day. Our days are active and they need the safest shoes possible.
- Our classroom participates in Popcorn Sales **only** on the dates marked on our class calendar. Please check the calendar I send home each month for our classroom popcorn days. Our first popcorn day will be in October.
- We wanted to remind you that free and reduced lunch forms have to be completed each year. We have the forms in the office if anyone is in need.
- Half day: Wednesday September 12. Dismiss at 11:10

Here is what we have been learning. Please ask your child to elaborate.

**Classroom Expectations:** CARS kids

- Caring
- Accountable
- Respectful
- Safe

**Lifelong Guidelines:**

- Active Listening
- No Put Downs
- Trust
- Truth
- Personal Best

**Reading:** We started working on high frequency words. Our phonics studies have started with review of short vowel sounds (a,i). We started selecting books for student book bins, to practice our reading fluency each day.

**Spelling:** We will begin spelling lists and tests in October.

**Writing:**

- Handwriting
- Lifelong guidelines book
- Student word books, to help with spelling words when writing
- Friendly Letter writing: with a focus on writing both statements and questions.

**Math:** We started Chapter 1: Applying Addition and Subtraction concepts.

**Science:** One part of our science curriculum is Engineering Design. We will be using the process of engineering (Plan, Design/Build, Evaluate-Redesign). This is always a lot of fun. We will start this next week.

**Homework:** I will begin sending homework folders home in October

Thank you so much for your support and sharing your child with me. I look forward to working with you!  
Mrs. Amy Finch