



Fremont Open Plan
Modesto, CA
September 4th, 2012

Carrie, Jennifer & Sarah's Classroom Newsletter

Upcoming Events

PAG Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Genre Day #1

Friday, September 28, 2012

Thematic Focus: Nutrition

We will be closing our unit on the human body this week. We will finish up our week by making our life size bodies and making a book.

Thank you to Liz for coming in and sharing a skeleton exhibit with our students and for Gina Sears for sharing one way to keep our bodies healthy by teaching us some yoga. We also appreciated the heart model that Katrina brought in to share.

Our thematic focus will move into learning about what nutritious we can eat to help keep our bodies growing healthy. We hope to take a field trip to the Farmer's Market and to our local Obrien's Super Market. More details soon.

Homework

We hope your child's 1st week of homework was a success. Your child will continue to get homework that reinforces what we are learning in class. The older students will be getting a lesson this week on how to find a "Good Fit Book". This is important in building success with your child's reading. They lesson will focus on giving your child the skills to find a book that fits their reading ability. A "Good Fit Book" should be a book that isn't extremely easy but not so hard that almost every other word has to be read by using a reading strategy. Please encourage the same approach at home while picking books for your child to read. We are continuing to practice the three ways to read a book. This is a good routine for both the older and younger students. They are:

1. READ THE PICTURES
2. READ THE WORDS
3. RETELL A BY HEART BOOK

Family Reading- Book Selection

Each classroom has a plethora of books labeled in baskets. Please feel free to help your child return the books from their book baskets to their classroom baskets and help them find new books of interest.

September Volunteer Sign-ups

Your child's homeroom teacher will have the calendar ready for you to sign up for your volunteer time in September. We have also made a couple adjustments with the volunteer slots to best meet student needs. Please note that during our Literacy Block (9:15-10:15) we will have two slots available instead of one. During our Thematic Rotations (10:50-11:30), we will have one slot available instead of two. We are going to see how that schedule works out for the teachers and students for the month of September to figure what is best. We appreciate in advance your flexibility as we change and adjust our schedule. Please stop by and sign up!!

Cross-Age Buddies

This Wednesday, your child will find out who their cross-age buddy will be for the year. This is a very exciting time for the students. Their buddy will be a big part of their year. They will be together for the Fall Walk and other various field trips. Every Wednesday your child will get to be with their buddy. During their time on Wednesdays, they will read, play games, problem solve, create art and much more. Please remember to ask your child about their experience with their buddy each week.

Book Orders

New book order forms will go out in *October*. We encourage families to take advantage of the great prices Scholastic has to offer. Parents can order books online or turn in the order form to their teacher. Dollars used to buy books also allows points to be available to use for more books in the classroom.