



Fremont Open Plan  
Modesto, CA  
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## Carrie, Jennifer & Sarah's Classroom Newsletter

### Thematic Focus: Our Body

We are excited to continue our unit for the next couple of weeks learning about our bodies and how they work.

The students are enjoying learning about some of the main body parts and how they function. It is amazing how much of the information the students retain. It has been lots of fun witnessing their curiosity about the human body.

We have had a couple parents that have discussed being a part of a couple lessons. If you are still interested, please talk to your child's homeroom teacher.

### Homework



It is time for your child to be getting weekly homework. Please look for a green homework sheet in your child's Tuesday folder every week.

The green sheet will consist of review skills that have already been taught in school. As we begin to assign more math homework, it will also be review of what has already been taught. Part of their nightly homework will also be to read with a loved one. We have been practicing three different ways to read a book during our Daily 5 practice. We encourage one of the three as a practice each night.

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

### Schedule Change

We are all about adjusting the day to what will best benefit the students and their success. Starting this week, we have made some minor adjustments in our daily schedule. We have decided to have our Math/Interactive writing on Monday's and Friday's and put our thematic rotations on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Our literacy block will remain the same.

### Upcoming Events

#### Holiday-No School

Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### PAG Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

#### Genre Day #1

Friday, September 28, 2012

### 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.

### Cross-Age Buddies

Your child has spent the last couple of weeks getting to know some of the students in the Upper Department. On Wednesday afternoons from 11:35-12:05, we meet with our older buddies to enjoy playing games, singing songs, and participating in greetings so we can get to know each-other better.

This Wednesday we will meet our Cross-Age buddies again and each younger child will get the opportunity to ask a couple older friends to sign their buddy card. Eventually, one of the buddies that signs up on your child's card will be their older Cross-Age buddy for the year. Ask your child about who they have met and who they would like to be their buddy.

### \*Physical Education Reminder\*

Our students are very active. Please remember to send your child in shoes that help them stay safe and feel comfortable.