

News from Cabin 19

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Thank you to those of you who were able to attend Curriculum Night. I hope it helped you understand the big picture for the year and see what a typical day looks like. Each day we are getting more into a routine, which is great!

Thank you for all the patience during drop off and dismissal as well. We have many new families and staff at KTA and we are all learning the procedures as we grow as a K-8 school. It has been very helpful that you have contacted me when after school plans change and that you are waiting in the grass area for your child so that we can keep the student loading zone clear.

I will be sending a class directory home on Monday to those of you who signed up at Meet the Teacher or Curriculum Night. If you would like to be on it and have not signed up, please send me your name and contact information by Monday. A class directory is a list of students and their parent's contact information. Since we are not allowed to pass out birthday invitations or give out phone numbers, this comes in handy when you want to contact other parents in the classroom. I will only be passing out the directory to people who signed up to be on it.

Upcoming Events:

- 8/19 - First PTO Meeting - 5:00 PM - in the library...everyone is welcome to come and we need volunteers so we can continue to have great events at KTA! ☺
- 8/30 - College Color Spirit Day - wear your favorite college shirts
- 8/30 - Read-a-thon Kick Off - more info to follow
- 9/2- No School - Labor Day

Spelling List of the Week: List 2

1. first	6. even	11. our	16. story
2. sent	7. without	12. wife	17. open
3. cent	8. afternoon	13. state	18. short
4. mile	9. Friday	14. July	19. lady
5. seem	10. hour	15. head	20. reach

A Look at What We're Doing in Class

Reading: Harcourt Story: The Mixed-Up Chameleon

Focus Skill: Author's Purpose

Listening & Speaking: Vocabulary, Fairy Tales and Tall Tales

Grammar: Complete sentences, types of sentences

Writing: Topic sentence, informative writing

Math: Place value, problem solving using story problems, expanded notation, time to the hour, money

Science: Weather - meteorologist's role, forecasting tools



I have been asked what we need for our classroom. At this time, we are good on supplies for the class and I will let you know our needs as they come up through the year. We can always use snacks for the classroom

for Fun Friday. We have 23 students at this time so donations should be enough for the entire class.

Please remember that we do have nut allergies so snacks cannot contain peanut butter or nuts. Thanks!



Spotlight on Spelling

KTA uses the Spalding Method for teaching spelling and grammar. At Curriculum Night we explained it but you can also check out our class website (the address is listed at

the top of this newsletter) for more details at any time. Click on the link to the left of our class page labeled "Spalding Spelling". Each week we will be tested on 20 words. These lists can be found at this location on our website and they will also be in the weekly newsletter. We will specify which list to study on the homework agendas as well. I also have the lists on a website called "Spelling City". Go to our class webpage, and click "Student Web Links" on the left. Next click on "Literacy Links". Scroll down to Spelling City. This will take you directly to the lists for our class. Click on the appropriate list number. This is a great way to study spelling words each week. Our class practiced using this site in class.

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