

a note from:

# Mr. Panek

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Thought for the day:

*You learn something every day if you pay attention. ~Ray LeBlond*

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to come to Back to School Night. I know how busy the evenings can be and I appreciate that so many of you made the event a priority for your children. Ongoing communication between parents and teachers sends a very strong message to children that we are all working together as a team.

Our field trip to the Butte County Library was outstanding. Students toured the different areas of the library and learned about the various resources available. After our tour, we visited the Children's Library and listened to a story before receiving our new library cards. Students were allowed to check out up to three books. The books are due on or before September 17<sup>th</sup>. Students also had the opportunity to choose a free book to take home, courtesy of the Chico Friends of the Library group. A special "Thank you" goes out to Mrs. Maxey and Mrs. Miller chaperoning our field trip.

Our first book project assignment sheet is in your child's homework folder. Check the assignment sheet for the due date. Students need to have their book approved by Mr. Panek before completing the project.

Included in this evening's homework folder is a Student Health History form. Please complete the required information for your child and return the form by Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. A reminder will be included on next week's Homework Assignment Sheet.

Students have been learning about American Symbols in class. We have learned about the American Flag, Statue of Liberty, the Great Seal, Liberty Bell and the Bald Eagle. Students will be using the information they have learned to make a book telling about the symbols.

In math, students have learned how to write numbers in standard form, expanded form and word form. They have also learned to identify the value of digits in number. In the next week students will be comparing numbers and ordering numbers from greatest to least and least to greatest. Our first math test will be next Friday.

In literature, we are reading the story Lily and Miss Liberty. Students are learning about the parts of a book, genre and theme. We will also be working on developing comprehension strategies as we read this book.

Please remember that there is no school on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, due to the observance of Labor Day.

I would like to invite you to join our school's PTA. The PTA does a lot of wonderful things for our children at school. One way your child benefits in our classroom is the annual funding of educational field trips. Our field trip to the Gold Nugget Museum in September would not be possible without our PTA's help. The PTA membership is \$5.00. The membership envelope was included in the first day of school packet. If you have lost your envelope, let me know and I will be happy to send on your way.

Have a great weekend!

-----Please sign and return lower portion.-----

## Weekly Report #3

Homework	Science/Social Studies	Attitude/Work Habits	Comments:
Thursday	Bald Eagle	Outstanding	
Monday	The Great Seal	Acceptable	
Tuesday		Improving	
Wednesday	<b>Parent Homework</b>	Needs Improvement	
<b>Math</b>	Student Intro Letter	<b>Citizenship</b>	
Pages 11, 22		Outstanding	
<b>Reading Counts Points</b>		Acceptable	
____/2 (20 points due by 10/24)		Needs Improvement	
<b>Language Arts</b>			
Spelling Workbook 24,25,26			

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_