

Room 208

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NEWSLETTER



What a Great Beginning!

GREETINGS! BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE STUDENT BLOG FOR MORE NEWS! YOU CAN EVEN DOWNLOAD A COLOR COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER THERE!

Beginnings...

What an incredible beginning to the new year! I can already see the amazing potential for this team. The scholars are excited and very invested in setting up a supportive community.

Team Building & Multiple Intelligences

A lot of the week has been spent in “team building” activities. Students have

played games to help them learn each others’ names, interviewed each other to find out more information, started establishing **criteria** for behavior (i.e., what a *successful line looks like*; what is the *expected behavior*), and supported each other in learning the daily routines.

We’ve also started examining “*how we learn*.” Students have been looking at their *Multiple Intelligences* by taking surveys. Next week, I will be sending home a packet that will explain this, as well as ask you to comment on how your scholar learns. Knowing what *strengths* your child has helps all of us provide individualized

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instruction, support, and challenges for your child.

Math

The 4th graders “jumped” right into Math on the first day, reviewing what we had done last year. We continue to start each class with a 1 min. Multiplication Fact test. The first unit is on *Geometry*. Coming home today is the **Parent Math Letter**. Remember, this is a great resource to let you know what the unit is all about. It provides ideas to help strengthen your student’s understanding as well as provide the answers to all the homework (to aid you in your nightly work with your scholar).

The 3rd graders are with Mr. I, and have started their unit on *Routines, Reviews, & Numbers*. They spent the first day getting to know each other and setting class norms.

Thank you!

Thank you all so much for the donations to the classroom! We are really in good shape. Special thanks to Christian and his family for the Wal•Mart gift card! We now have 2 new lamps for the room that



Web sites for learning and fun -- for kids and parents together.

This week's Site to See:

Addition MATHO
<http://www.aplusmath.com/games/matho/AddMatho.html>

It's BINGO with numbers. Solve problems as the clock ticks. (Grades 2-up)

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give it a very “homey” feeling.

Important Date!

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 22, from 6:00-7:00** for this year’s **OPEN HOUSE**. This is a very im-

portant event, as I will explain many routines and expectations in Room 208, as well as share the importance of the classroom’s **Blog** and **Podcast**.

If you are unable to make this evening, please let me know, and I will be happy to set up an alternative time with you.



Reminders

Please remember to send back the paperwork that went home from the office on the first day of school!

Have a great Weekend!

Bob

