



# Rocking the Waves in 3JM

September 13, 2012

Dear Parents,

This week was a very good week as students became more settled with the classroom procedures and routines. It was lovely to meet the majority of you on our **Hopes and Dreams Day** to discuss your child. I learned a lot from you. I hope we can continue to keep the lines of communication open. To gain further insight as to what takes place within the walls of 3JM room 218, it is encouraged to attend the **Back to School night**, especially if you are new to DAA.

**Back to School Night will be held on Tuesday September 18th from 7-9 pm. More information on that will follow.**

**It's that time of year again!**

**That's right After School Activities (ASA) signup! External signups will be on Sunday,**

**September 23rd from 3-4; and again on Monday, September 24th from 8-9:30 in the ES Cafeteria. Internal signups, organized by the wonderful teachers at DAA, will start online Tuesday, September 25th in the afternoon. The Internal signups will close on Sunday, September 30th in the morning. ASA will start the week of October 7th and end the week of January 17th, 2013.**

In Writer's Workshop The students are beginning to learn about the writing process. They began by brainstorming ideas. They then wrote their first narrative about a small moment with a special person. This gave me an opportunity to learn about student's individual writing style. Our

Reader's Workshop is off to a great start! We talked about our reading goals for this year and reading expectations for the students.

In Math the students participated in lessons reviewing how to tell time, working with tally charts and bar graphs, and creating equivalent names in number collection boxes. Please continue to practice 'telling time' with your child at home both analog and digital.

In Social Studies the students began a new unit on **What Makes Our Community Diverse**. This unit discusses concepts and terms of multiculturalism, ethnicity and culture. Students have been discussing things that are unique from their own country of origin. It is really beautiful to see the diverse mix of students in one class. That in itself makes our unit on Diverse Communities more understandable for students to witness and experience.

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

**Mrs. Jilene Murray and Ms. Lesley**



## Specials for next Week:

Sunday: Day 10: Arabic, Islamic, IT

Monday: Day 1: Arabic, Islamic, Enrichment, Music

Tuesday: Day 2: Arabic Native, Islamic Native, Enrichment, PE

Wednesday: Day 3: Arabic, Islamic, Library

Thursday: Day 4: Arabic, Islamic, Art

## Points of Interest:

- ☺ Please remember to send water bottles with students everyday.
- ☺ Check Passports daily.
- ☺ Return Reading Logs everyday!!!
- ☺ Make sure to email me in advance if your child is absent.
- ☺ Please encourage your child to read every evening.
- ☺ Due to varying temperatures within the school please send your child to school with their DAA sweatshirt.
- ☺ Back to School Night: Tuesday, September 18h.

## Topics for next Week

### Language Arts:

In Readers' Workshop we will review choosing a "Just Right Book" and continue reflecting on our reading lives. In Writers' Workshop we will continue our personal narrative writing.



### Math:

Students will work with the language of chance events, find differences between pairs of numbers, learn calculator routines and work with money to solve problems.



### Social Studies:

We will continue our unit of study on what makes our communities diverse. We will read from a variety of books and view clips related to this topic.



### Spelling: Unit 2

CROP  
CLOCK  
DROP  
PLOT  
BLOCK  
FLOCK  
TEST  
SPENT  
LEFT  
SLED  
SPEND  
WEST  
TENT  
DESK  
NEST

