Dear families: Sept. 23, 15

I wanted to write you a quick note to give you an update. Let me start by saying thank you for sharing your children with us. I think that I can speak for all of us when I say that we have really enjoyed getting to know the children. Everyone seems to have adjusted well to our routines such as unpacking, buying lunches or milk, fire drills, going to specials, dismissal etc. Things are falling into place nicely and more importantly, the children seem comfortable in our classroom.

It was really nice getting to see you on Curriculum night and having that opportunity to talk. There were some things that I did not get a chance to mention. So here goes…on October 2nd, there is First Friday Family Read which is a chance for family members and/or close friends to come into the classroom to enjoy books together from 9:00-9:30 (grades K-2). Parking can be a little tricky so I suggest arriving a little earlier. Not all children have a “guest” and they will usually join in with a friend. Some children have difficulty saying goodbye and separating from their parents at the end. This is something to consider.

If you would like to contribute something to our classroom, we could use disinfecting wipes to wipe down our tables and real paper towels (ours do not absorb liquid spills). That is it for now. Thank you in advance.

I usually have a bag of pretzels in the classroom for those students that did not bring a snack, spill their snack or say they are still hungry and would like a couple of pretzels. This happens very rarely. However, if you do not want your child to eat the pretzels, please let me know.

I have sent home two book order forms if you would like to order from Scholastic Book Club. You are under no obligation to participate. They offer a selection of books usually at better prices than bookstores. It is a great way to promote reading at home and at the same time, our classroom benefits from each order. Our class will earn points for each order submitted and use these points to order books for our classroom library. These brochures will be sent home monthly with about a week to look them over. I will not send home the order forms on the months that the PTO is sponsoring a book fair. If you choose to order books, there is an online option or you can make checks payable to **Scholastic Book Club** for the exact amount. The books will come in about two weeks after the order is placed. The last day that we will accept orders will be penciled in on the order forms. There are instructions on how to order online attached to the brochures. Many parents have found this more convenient.

 Thank you,

 Kathy Sullivan with Kathy Lalikos and Kevin Dennis