



KAVANAUGH'S NEWS-ROOM 6

Leader in Me Corner:

Welcome back!

We are so excited to embark on our second year as a Leader in Me School. Each month we will highlight one of the 7 Habits and how you can incorporate the habit into your family routines.

Here are the 7 Habits that we will continue to teach to the entire Dresden community. If you would like additional information about The Leader in Me program, visit

<http://www.theleaderinme.org/parents/>

We've survived the first week! Our class has learned a ton and each student seems ready to rock 5th grade. Please return any emergency forms that were sent home the first day of school by Monday. Every day we have a special at 10:00-10:50 a.m. This makes our days, super consistent and that consistency will be great for the kids. With this schedule, I would highly encourage you to schedule any necessary appointments, during that time period. If your child misses a special, that is unfortunate. However, if your child misses reading, math, science, or writing, it is much harder. I know the kids learn a ton and enjoy the special classes, but those are much easier to miss than a content area class. I cannot wait for our second week to begin!

The week ahead: September 11th

Math: Students will begin Math with review of 4th grade material, checking for prior knowledge. We will move on to an introduction of the 5th grade curriculum as well as beginning their Math Interactive Notebook (M.I.N.) This M.I.N. will be an essential piece to their learning and everyday attendance in Math class.

S.T.E.M (Science): The students will start our science curriculum by learning about the scientific method and what it means to be a scientist. Students will explore how hurricanes form and discuss the various categories as we prepare for Hurricane Irma's landfall. I look forward to a great year with this great group of 5th grade scientists!

Writing: The students will be introduced to the different types of academic writing. We will begin the year with narrative writing. In grammar we will begin by focusing on types of sentences.

Social Studies: We will begin with Geography. The students will be responsible to know the seven continents, five oceans, and five Great Lakes. A map will be coming home soon.

Spelling: Unit 1 Contract: Short Vowel Sounds. This contract is handed out Monday and will be due Friday. **Tests are on Thursday.**

Reading: We will begin our introduction into the reading series by exploring informational text. Students will also learn about genres. Ask your child about their reading stamina!

IMPORTANT DATES:

*September 11th- Hat Day
\$1 for Hurricane Relief

*September 20th- Picture Day

*September 26th-
Curriculum Night 6pm

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Assessments: We have finished our QRI and will be starting NWEA this week. Students will take the science, math, and reading NWEA within the next three weeks. Although these tests can be rigorous, we only take them three times a year. After we receive our scores, students will start to utilize their Leadership binders and our Data board.



Student Groups: Our lighthouse team has come up with an application for students to fill out!. Next week, students will fill out applications in media center and team leaders will begin to create their

teams. Being on a team is not mandatory. Some groups include: butterfly garden team, service squad, upstander club, DBN, and recycling team. These teams will do the majority of their meetings during the school day. It is important for a student to focus on one or two groups instead of joining them all.

Monthly Read-Aloud:



To tie into our classroom of upstanders, our class read this month is **Wonder** by RJ Palacio. This week we were introduced to our main character, August Pullman. He's had 27 surgeries throughout his entire life and will be starting fifth grade this year! Students worked on a character analysis of August and wrote words to describe him. Some common words were brave, kind, nervous, and strong. Ask your child about this read aloud! We read three chapters a day!

Wild Readers:

Speaking of reading, are you a wild reader? I am so lucky this year to have a full room of wild readers. The students will have the opportunity to pie me in the face! Next week, we will practice stamina! I'm not sure



if I should be scared for the year or excited that they love reading so much ☺ It is very important that your child is reading at least 20 minutes nightly at home. Reading can include magazines, a newspaper, or a book. This will greatly increase their stamina and reading comprehension skills.

Goals:

My goal this week is that students continue to be nice to one another and allow their joy to travel to others in the building. They have been a group of upstanders so far! I am so proud to call them my students ☺

