

Welcome! This is our first newsletter of the year. Future newsletters will be emailed on Sunday evening. I will email to the address listed on the parent questionnaire. If you want the newsletter sent to additional addresses, please write me a note.

Language Arts: We will be working on personal narratives during Writers' Workshop. We'll go over the following steps in the writing process: think, plan, sketch and label, and write. The first grade team has decided to begin our first Benchmark reading unit next week. This week, we will read other selections that I have in the classroom.

Math: We will be working on story problems. In addition to finding an answer, students will be asked to show their thinking. We will also be counting collections. Counting and grouping large numbers will be an emphasis during first grade.

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PE and **ART** will begin next week. I do not have our class's schedule at this time. I will let you know the days for PE and Art in next week's newsletter.

HOMEWORK

Monday: Memorize Your
Phone Number

Tuesday: Counting Collections
(due Thurs.)

Wednesday: Language Arts

Thursday: Math

Reading Log: Read for at least 10 minutes each night. (Due the next Monday) Students may read anything (book, comic, website, etc.). You may also read to your child and count it on the reading log. I am open to anything! I want the students to develop a love of reading!

Announcements:

A **Room Parent Orientation** will be held on Tuesday, August 23 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. Please attend if you would like to learn more about being a room parent.

Book Fair: We will be attending the book fair on Monday, August 28 from 1:30 to 2:00. If you send money for your child to purchase a book, please put it in an envelope with your child's

name and the amount enclosed. Students without money will be able to make a wish list. Parents are also welcome to come to the book fair with us during this time. It will be held in the library.

Back to School Night is Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 PM. More information will be coming soon.

Wish List: The wish list for Room 10 is posted online at <http://www.wishlistr.com/msdotson>

Thank you so much for all the items you've already brought in and reserved. I'll be adding some additional items to the list in the next few days. The site allows me to link to Amazon. Please don't feel obligated to buy from Amazon, though. You may buy items anywhere you choose. But if you do use Amazon, don't forget to donate to Mar Vista through AmazonSmile.

Opal Owl will be sent home each weekend with a different child. (Children are selected randomly.) Please take care of Opal, write in her journal, and return both Opal and the journal on Monday. Students will share their adventures with the class.

Important! Please return all materials from the packet that went home with your child the first day of school. I will include classroom photos in our newsletter once I have all the publicity release forms. Any students without a publicity release cannot have their photos printed in our newsletter or put up on any bulletin boards.

Photos Coming Soon!!!!

Contact Info: I may be reached via email at had5368@lausd.net. Our temporary class website is at msdotsonroom10.weebly.com