August 28, 2023

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year!

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year of learning. Between now and June, your child will create narrative, expository, and persuasive pieces in written English and ASL as well as original poetry. For reading, we will follow a workshop format, learning various reading strategies, reading genres and vocabulary tools. Students will have the opportunity to show off their reading, writing and ASL talents during National Novel Writing Month, our annual Flying Hands competition or by joining our Battle of the Books team.

In science, we will be conducting our investigations on Human Systems Interactions. We will find answers to the following questions: How are structures in the human body organized to carry out life's function? How does the human body obtain energy and use it to live? How do humans detect, process, and use information about the environment? We will also investigate on Mixtures and Solutions: What happens when two or more materials are combined? How can we use models to explain melting and dissolving? How can solutions made with the same substances be distinguished from one another?

In social studies, we will learn about Washington state history, geography, and current events in local and national news.

In math, we will use visual tools and various math strategies and model our thinking using our interactive Smartboard presentation to solve real-world math problems. We will have additional math practice using IXL math program to work independently on textbook skills and analyze and monitor their own progress throughout the school year.

We will be sending home some paperwork the first week of school, so please be on the lookout for parent surveys, class schedules and information about Seesaw.

Please make sure your child has a full water bottle everyday. We will also provide afternoon snacks daily.

Please feel free to contact us at any time either via email or VP with questions or concerns. We are here for you and your child!

Sincerely, Jenn & Alfred

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