



We made it through the first week of school and survived the heat. I'm sure you've heard of my odd outfits consisting of sweatbands on my head and a cooling towel around my neck. I'm not a person who enjoys heat much. Keep it under 82 and no humidity and I'm a happy camper.

I've really enjoyed getting to know your children this week and can't wait to get into the groove or learning and having fun.

If you haven't already sent in the following papers, please do so as soon as possible. (Agenda explanation note, Behavior chart note and the parent information sheet.) If you have questions about anything I have sent home so far, please contact me.

Last week I sent home a paper about joining my remind text message group. It's a great method of communication for me. I am able to send out simple reminders to anyone who has joined the group. Thank you to those who have joined so far. I'd love to have 100% participation. If you are having difficulty, please let me know. I will send home another sheet with directions sometime this week.

This week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will be testing in the afternoon. Students will be taking the NWEA MAP test, which has been given at Masonic for the last few years. It is taken 3 times a year to further monitor your child's progress in reading and math. Besides the testing, we will continue to get to know each other, start our math program, learn about our constitution and set up and start using our ISN books. (Interactive Student Notebooks).

Something I am very excited about this year is our new reading and language program. The program incorporates, reading, writing, fluency, grammar, vocabulary, phonics and spelling all in one. Students will have reading anthologies, (hard cover text) and several different workbooks. Due to the complexity of the program as well as learning how to use and incorporate it into the classroom, it's taking a little more time that I had

hoped. I am looking at starting next week if all goes well. I will send home more information when we start.

Check out my weebly (website) if you haven't already done so. See below.

Have a great week and please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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