

Announcements 9/4-9/7

Dear Room 19 Families,

I hope you had a fantastic long-weekend!

Thank you for a wonderful Back-to-School Night last week! I loved meeting all of the parents, and I am excited to work with you this year! If you were unable to attend, I have attached the presentation to the end of this announcement. A big thank you to Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Malik, and Mrs. Stickney for volunteering to be our room parents this year! As volunteer opportunities arise, they will contact parents who expressed interest on the volunteer page sent home the first week of school. Please also be on the lookout for a Maker Space Sign-Up Genius (I will send you an email when Mrs. Hampton is sending it out).

Below, please find some reminders and updates for the upcoming week, as well as a brief summary of what we are working on in class.

Information and Updates:

- **Scholars Speak-** We will begin our first Scholars Speak presentations this Thursday. Students have completed the writing and illustration during class, and are responsible for practicing the presentation portion at home. Students can practice their presentation using the writing in their journal, or they may ask for a copy of their final work. Last week, students brought home a blue information packet on Scholars Speak. If you did not see the packet come home, here is the Scholars Speak link on our class website with more information: <http://misshendersonroom19.weebly.com/scholars-speak.html>
- **Reading Assessments-** Assessments will be held from 9/11- 9/14 & 9/17, and we will be on half day schedule during the week. Here is the link to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ea4af23abfb6-reading7>
- **PTA & MBEF-** Donation flyers went home in the white envelopes last week. Both the PTA and MBEF make MBUSD the excellent district we are, please consider donating!

- **Panther Valet-** Safety first! This week is our week to volunteer in the valet circle! Here is the link to sign-up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c45abaf2aa64-5thgrade>
- **Copy Parents-** If you are interested in helping make science packet copies, please email me to let me know. Dr. Felix and I would greatly appreciate your help!

Reminders for this Week:

- **Tuesday-**
 - We have Science Lab with Mrs. Liu.
- **Wednesday-**
 - Remember that we will meet on the upper playground at 8:10 for morning assembly.
 - Be a Proud Pacific Panther and represent our school by wearing blue, yellow, or Pacific gear :)
- **Thursday-**
 - We have music. Remember to bring your instrument.
 - We have P.E.
 - Scholars Speak presentations begin.
- **Friday-**
 - **We tentatively have our first math test (Mid Module on lessons 1-8).**
 - We have our first Wordly Wise test.

What We're Working on This Week:

- **Reading-** We are reading, our first core literature book, *Shiloh*. As we read, we will identify different Notice & Note signposts, and learn to write well about what we have read. We will also pay close attention to character traits, and how they help us better understand the characters. We will begin Wordly Wise this week. Students will have about 10 minutes in class to begin their work each day, and the remainder is homework. The Wordly Wise test will be taken on student iPads in our Reading Google Classroom. Students receive immediate test results, and you can access them at home by logging-on to their Google Classroom account (see detailed directions on the Online Resources page of our class website).

- **Writing-** We will begin our Narrative Writing unit. Students will start collecting “seed” ideas that they will grow into longer narrative stories. We will also kick-off our first Scholars Speak presentations on Thursday.
- **Math-** We have been focusing on place value in numbers with decimals, as well as using a Growth Mindset during math. Students have learned different ways to express and compare decimal numbers, and this week they will learn to round them. Don’t forget, you can see how your child is doing by taking a look at their self-graded homework, and their graded (by me) exit ticket. Our first math test is tentatively scheduled for Friday (covering lessons 1-8). **The test is dependent upon what we can accomplish this short school week, it may take place next week.** Remember to take a look at the resources on the “Math” page of our class website, and to check-out the notes that students take in their math journals!
- **Social Studies-** Please check Mrs. Stelter's website.
- **Science-** We will begin our year in science by setting expectations with introductory labs. We will review expectations such as how to collaborate with peers and how to take detailed notes.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Back-to-School Night Presentation