iPads!!!

Today we received our iPads and we’re thrilled!! Next week we will begin lessons to learn about internet safety, caring for our ipads, and other topics.

MAP Testing

**We will be taking our MAP Math test next week on Friday, 9/7, and the Reading test on Thursday, 9/13.** I am sure the students will be focused and will try their best. These tests help teachers monitor student progress. Results will be shared during our October conferences.

**Curriculum Night/Open House**

Tuesday, September 11 is our Curriculum Night and Open House. Teachers will share information about their instructional programs as well expectations for the year.The first presentation from 6:30-7 will only be the teachers from grades K, 1, and 2. From 7:00-7:30 families can tour the school and stop in special area classrooms or visit the Library. The presentation from 7:30-8:00 will be teachers in grades 3-5. We look forward to seeing you then!

Many Thanks to Our PTO!

When we returned to school, every teacher received a very generous gift of $100 from our PTO. Our money was used for organizational supplies and new classroom books. It is wonderful to receive this gift at the beginning of the year! *Thank you very much, PTO, for your ongoing support!!*

Upcoming Dates:

**Labor Day** – No School – Monday, Sept. 3

**PTO Meeting-** Tuesday,Sept. 4, 7:00

**Back to School Picnic-** Thursday, Sept. 6 - 5:00-7:00

**Curriculum Night/Open House-**

**Wednesday, Sept. 12 - 6:30-8:0\*\***

**Picture Day-** Tuesday, Sept. 25

**SIT New Family Night-** Thursday, Sept. 27 - 5:30-7:00



**Curriculum**

***ELA (Reading / Writing and more)*** – We will be using a new reading program in grades 3-5, *Reading Units of Study*. The students used this curriculum last year. We are also building stamina with silent reading. Today the whole class read silently for 20 minutes! I realize that some students often read longer than 20 min., but this is very quiet reading that everyone is doing. Our first read aloud is *Henry Huggins* set in the 1050s. Very amusing!!

We have also started our daily Writing Workshop. We are in the midst of the introductory lessons, but we will be writing narratives about small moments to help us limit the scope of what we are writing about and to write with depth. In addition to reading and writing, we will also do Word Work /Spelling.

***Math*** – Our first unit is on Multiplication and Division, our biggest concept this year. As you have seen, students have their "Problem Set" pages and homework in the same book. It is very important that the students bring the book back and forth to school each day even if they didn't get their HW done.

So far they have done a great job with the book! There will be Math homework Monday through Thursday and the majority of the time it is due the day after it has been assigned.

***These past two weeks we have been going over expectations, class/Whittier rules, reviewing a growth mindset and routines. We are fast learners. It's been a wonderful start!!***

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**Second Step**

We are continuing with the *Second Step* program which is taught every Wed. morning. This program focuses on a variety of topics. Our first unit is called "Being Respectful Learners". We have talked about skills for learning: focusing attention and listening. Please ask your child what he/she has learned. Occasionally there may be homework with this program which will usually go home on a Wednesday in a blue workbook and it will be due two days later on Friday.