**Special Schedule:**

Monday- Music

Tuesday- Spanish and Library (bring back books!)

Wednesday- Music

Thursday- P.E. (wear gym shoes)

Friday- Art and Spanish

\*\*This has changed since I sent it out over the weekend.

**Morning Meeting & Second Step**

Something new this year is Morning meeting which is the first half hour in our school day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It allows the class to work on communication, team building activities and building relationships we don’t always have time for in our busy day. So far we all like it!

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 this year is the Bullying Unit. Please ask your child what he/she has learned. Having this set time allows us to have solid, honest conversations on how to handle difficult situations that might occur in school.

iPads!!!

Today we received our iPads and we’re thrilled!! This week and next we have begun to learn about internet safety, caring for our ipads, and how to balance technology in our lives.

MAP Testing

We will be taking our MAP tests in the next two weeks. I will let you know the days when I have signed up.I am sure the students will be focused and will try their best. These tests help teachers monitor student progress in Math and Reading. Results will be shared during October conferences.

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:

**Back to School Picnic-** Thursday, Sept. 12 - 5:00-7:00

**Whittier 101 (Educational Table)** –Saturday, Sept. 14- 8:00am-12:30am

**Picture Day-** Tuesday, Sept. 25

**PTO Meeting** – Tuesday, Oct. - 7:00pm

**Wildcat Fun Run** – Wednesday, Oct. 2- Time-TBD



**Curriculum**

***ELA (Reading / Writing and more)*** – We will continue using our reading program in grades 3-5, *Reading Units of Study*. We are also building stamina with independent reading. Today the whole class read silently for 25 minutes! I realize that some students often read longer than 25 min., but this is very quiet reading that everyone is doing. We are working on staying in our seats and reading from one book this whole time. Our first read aloud is *Charlotte’s Web*. It has many great examples of how to be a great friend.

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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