

Dear Families,

Welcome (or welcome back!) to Mrs. Babson's class! I hope you have been enjoying your summer break and have been able to get out and play the sun!

Our class will be a little different this year than it was last year: I will be teaching both math and literacy to my homeroom group, as well as science and social studies. There will be little switching from teacher to teacher. The thinking is that transitions will be minimized, routines maintained, and expectations consistent throughout the academic day.

Math will be taught using the EveryDay Math program, according to "grade level," to provide periodic review of skills previously taught. Part of each math time will be devoted to the district curriculum standards, in line with the topic(s) being explored in the EDM program. I hope to provide two shorter blocks of time (still equalling approximately 80 - 90 minutes), one in the morning and one in the afternoon, for math learning and practice.

Literacy will be a part of our entire day, integrated with science and social studies work, as well as writing and vocabulary study in math. Reading, writing, and word study will all be a part of the literacy program. Our reading focus this year will be on poetry, mystery, and folklore in addition to non-fiction. We will have many chances to write in many styles and for many reasons throughout the year.

Please see the enclosed supply list to know what materials are needed for class. I am looking forward to seeing you soon in school!

*Mrs. Babson*