



# Thompson Tangle

**Week of September 2, 2013**

Dear Parents,

Hope everyone had a great week! Please make sure to look at your child's T.I.G.E.R folder everyday!! You will receive a weekly newsletter every Friday. My newsletter is full of important information and will keep you up to date of what is happening in our classroom. There is very important information within the newsletters so please make sure that you read them so we can stay in touch. Thank you! Don't forget NO SCHOOL MONDAY! Have a safe and wonderful Labor Day Weekend!!

**READING/LANGUAGE ARTS:**  
THIS WEEK IN READING WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON MAKING CONNECTIONS, ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS AND USING PRIOR KNOWLEDGE. ONE OF OUR READ ALOUD FOR THIS WEEK IS **WHERE'S SPOT.**

YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE HOMEWORK ON OCCASION THAT INVOLVES READING FOR 10-20 MINUTES. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!! IF YOUR CHILD IS HAVING DIFFICULTY, JUST ENCOURAGE THEM TO TRY, OR READ A BOOK TO THEM. LOOK FOR THIS TO START AFTER LABOR DAY!

**Spelling:** Formal spelling will start this coming week. If your child is having trouble, please watch for a slip of paper to come home with the word(s) they need extra help on. The words for this week are: (the, of, and, am, an, at, as, a, I, to)! There is also a dictation sentence every week on the spelling test. We will have a practice test on Wednesday and a final test on Friday. If they pass on Wednesday they will not have to take the test on Friday. I will take the highest score from both days.

**Writing:** We are diligently working on improving our handwriting. You may also see homework regarding handwriting. Remember forming the letter correctly is very important. We have also begun to write and identify complete sentences. This coming week our focus is on naming parts of a sentence.

**Math:** We have jumped right in to our Math Investigations and every student is really enjoying all the wonderful learning activities that go along with each session. This coming week our focus is on comparing numbers and addition story problems. Please watch for Family News Letters from our Math Investigations to start coming home. These letters will explain all

the wonderful learning that will take place in each Unit.

**Science:** This week we will learn about animal and animal habitats.

**Social Studies:** We have been talking about families. I would love to have the students share with the class about all their families! Watch for a poster to come home. Our class will highlight one student a week. I will send home a "All About Me Poster" home on Friday, please send back on Monday! I am going in alphabetical order!

### **ABC's**

**Tues. Music, Wed. Art Thurs.**  
**P.E., Fri. Music**

**Library:** We have Library **EVERY WEDNESDAY!!** Students are **NOT** to take their books home!!

### **Other News:**

Nightly homework will start this week. It will be sent home on Friday's and needs to be returned on the following Thursday. Also, I have purchased a couple bags of pretzels for our classroom. We do not go to lunch until 12:05, so I have very hungry students around 10:00. I would greatly appreciate any donations, but please don't feel like you have to send anything. Every student will get a snack regardless!

### **Important Dates:**

9/2- No School-Labor Day  
9/5- Papa John's Night  
9/13- Grandparent's Day  
9/17- Late Start

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your support.

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