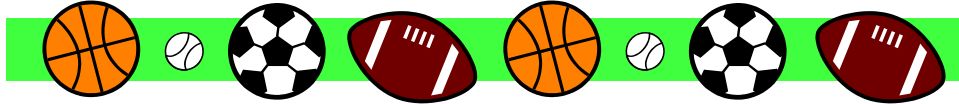


Team Brackett News



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News

We have just finished our third week of school. It's hard to believe isn't it? This year will go by quickly so it's important that we get off to a good start. As you have probably noticed, our class size is busting at the seams. With so many students, classroom management becomes the number one priority. I am asking for your assistance in helping us stay under control. Please talk daily with your child about how you expect him/her to act in school. Reinforce that our purpose is to learn and that talking/playing with our friends is what we do at lunch and recess. Beginning Monday, you will get a daily "ticket" that will help you track school behavior. A green ticket means your child's behavior was on task and appropriate. Yellow means he/she needed a warning or two. Red indicates that your child needed an excessive amount of reminders and received a "time-out". For serious behavior problems, you will receive a not that describes the behavior that will need to be signed.

Uniforms

Our new uniforms look so good on the kids. I love to see the dressed each day. However, we are having a problem with the brown sweaters. They all look the SAME. This is causing some confusion over which one belongs to whom. Please write your child's name on the label inside the sweater. Then if it is taken off on the playground or in the lunchroom we can return it to the right student.



Homework

I will be giving homework each night Monday - Thursday. I do not usually give homework on Friday. Homework is due the following day. In order to help your child with their work each night, please assemble a box or basket with basic school supplies - pencils, crayons, glue stick and scissors are good to keep on hand.

Reading Logs

Learning to read requires lots and lots of practice. As part of your child's homework, they are expected to read OR be read to for 20 minutes a night. Each Monday I will send a log home to record the amount of time spent reading at home. Fill out the form each night and return it to school on Friday. Your child will have the opportunity to take a book home from our classroom each night to read. When the book is returned, another can be borrowed.



Each month I will send home a book order form. This is a great way to build up a library at home for very little money. Return the book order form with the money in an envelope by the due date and the books usually arrive in a week's time. You can also use your credit card to order online. Check out the letter attached to our first order form for website and class code information.

I am looking for 3 parent volunteers each day to help at dismissal time. The times are 3:45 until 4:15. Your responsibility will be to assist students with classroom dismissal procedures. Please see me or send a note if you are available. Thank you.