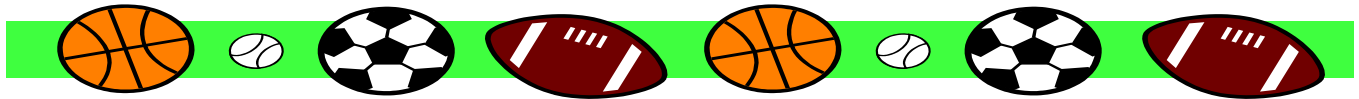


Team Brackett News



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Class News

Things are coming along really well in class. Most students have mastered our routines and understand what my expectations are for behavior and work habits. I must admit I can be very strict in this area but it will pay off when you see how much learning takes place.

A few parents have expressed concern over the content of the work they've seen so far. I understand that this review period may be below your child's ability level. However, right now it is more about learning how to do the work and get it finished in the appropriate time, than the actual work itself. Some of my brightest students are having trouble completing a simple assignment in a reasonable amount of time.

Most of the time this is because there is more talking and worrying about what other students are doing, than actually working. As I decrease the amount of time allowed to complete a task, students will learn the true meaning of "work time".



Grading Procedures

Because we are just learning some important skills, I do not assign grades to most assignments we do in class. On most papers you will see a check mark, smiley face or star. However, on some papers you may see a number grade of 1, 2 or 3. These numbers correspond to the report card marks.

First grade report cards do not use letter grades. Instead you will see marks that look like this:

- (3) PS - progress satisfactory
- (2) ID - improving and developing
- (1) NH - Needs help

If you have any questions about my grading policies, please ask.

Lesson Objectives

Reading -letter, sound review

Math - getting ready to add, making new numbers by putting two numbers together.

Science - Our 5 Senses

Social Studies - Rules at School

Computer Lab

Your child will spend a considerable amount of time in the computer lab and on the computer in our classroom this year. I have many projects planned that incorporate technology into our lessons.

For these lessons, students will wear a pair of headphones. To eliminate the risk of spreading germs that may include ringworm, I recommend each child have a pair of their own. I have found a supplier that will sell us headphones for \$1 a pair. I will be happy to purchase these for you if you send in a dollar.



Important Dates

Sept. 30 - Book orders due

Oct. 5 - Count Day
Progress Reports

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