

September 18, 2006

Dear Parents:

After 3 weeks of school, we are now into the swing of a new routine, new friends, and a new classroom.

We will be going to the Sun Ray Library this Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. All children will check out at least 1 library book and check all books with me to be o.k.'d before checking them out. Videos may not be checked out because they are due in 1 week (before our next trip back to the library). Your child needs to have his or her library card with them or \$.50 to purchase a new one. I can hold on to your child's card for them. Excellent behavior is expected, because this is considered a field trip and we would like to be invited back each month. We will be read to as well as learn about the library and how it is set up. I am looking for parents to join us on our walk. We will leave at 1:40 PM. New this year at the Sun Ray Library is "Self Check-Out". Library cards are a must to get items checked out. If students habitually forget their library card, they will be asked to stay back at school. Students will also be required to do a book report for most library visits. Book reports are due by our next visit to the library. Therefore, our first book report for the year is due October 15<sup>th</sup>.

We have been learning about Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel in Religion class. Remember, your child has received the quarter's work for Memory. Please review this work with you child so he or she is prepared for class. Some students still need to bring a Bible to class (NIV). I will be checking with your child, to make sure he or she has this type of Bible by next week. If your child doesn't have one, please supply an NIV as soon as possible. Your child's Bible must also have Bible tabs in it.

It was very exciting to do a science experiment this week in class. We were able to look at eggs and find the white spot, in which a chick could have formed if the egg were fertilized. We were able to diagram the egg as well in our journals. Ask your child about this great hands-on learning experience. God is so good. His creations are all around and it is so awesome that we can put His name into learning here at ESPL.

Thank you to those of you who ordered books from the book order. They should arrive in 1 – 2 weeks. The classroom will receive about 10 new books. Book order forms will be coming home about once per month.

Our chapel services are on Wednesday mornings. Please feel free to join your child for chapel, if your schedule allows. Church attendance will be taken and marked on report cards. If you need some assistance in choosing a church home, please let me know, and I will put you in contact with one of the pastors.

Remember every Wednesday night in Oakdale is IHOP night. If you don't have time to cook or need a great family night out for dinner, the school receives 10% back from each ticket (4:00 – 8:00 PM).

**Remember the Marathon!** Please start collecting pledges! It is important that each family participate in this great event. Remember, our goal is to raise \$10,000. I will be at Lake Phalen around 10:15 AM. Mr. Kloetzke will donate an additional \$1,000 if we reach our goal of \$10,000. Thank you for your help and support for this great event. See you on October 6<sup>th</sup>!

School pictures are coming up on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are coming home today in this envelope. Please return the forms as soon as possible.

October Hot Lunch menus are due by Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Birthday to those who have celebrated or will be celebrating September birthdays: Paul Scoles, George Nelson, Mrs. Strom, and Mr. Kloetzke. May God Bless you!

Keep up the great job on writing positive notes to your child in his or her assignment book. Also, please help make sure your child is done with his or her homework on time, or help him or her double check his or her work for accuracy and neatness.

In this packet, look for the following:

1. My newsletter
2. School Picture Forms
3. Any items I may have forgotten

Please turn in the bottom half of this slip only with your child in his or her take home envelope, no later than Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for all of your prayers and support. Have a great weekend. GO VIKES!

Mrs. Strom :-)

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I have looked over my child's take home envelope and have signed his or her assignment book. I have also made sure my child has \$.50 or his or her library card for the Sun Ray Library on Monday.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Questions or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

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