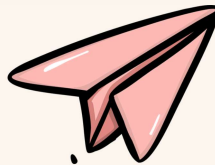


Mangrove August Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to a New School Year! We are so excited to begin a brand-new school year this August! As we settle into our routines, students will be engaging in fun and meaningful learning experiences across all subjects. This month, we'll focus on building a strong classroom community, reviewing expectations, and setting the tone for a successful year ahead. We look forward to partnering with you to support your child's growth, curiosity, and love of learning. Let's make this year our best one yet!



What We Are Learning

ELA/Writing: This month in ELA, we will focus on identifying the main story elements: characters, setting, and important events in a story. We'll also learn about plot structure—including the beginning, middle, and end of a story.

In addition, students will explore text features such as captions, illustrations, and identifying a story's theme.

- **Vocabulary:** We'll focus on words with inflectional endings and base words.
- **Spelling:** We'll practice words with short vowel sounds (a, e, i, o, u) and two-letter blends.
- **Grammar:** We'll work on recognizing and writing statements, questions, commands, and exclamations, as well as using interjections. Students will also begin identifying the subject of a sentence.

In Writing, students will learn how to create realistic stories.

Math: This month in Math, students will:

- Review and compare 2-dimensional shapes
- Identify attributes of 2D and 3D shapes (sides, length, open/closed, curved edges)
- Understand even and odd numbers, including 2-digit numbers
- Begin working with equal groups as a foundation for multiplication
- Strengthen place value understanding and math fluency
- Review and use clock nomenclature

Talking Point Code & Upcoming Events

Talking Point Group Code: MUFA7A

August 4th - Parent Orientation Day KG to 2nd Grade: 4:30-5:30

August 31st - Maria Montessori Birthday

Science & Social Studies

In Science students will learn what science is and the scientific method.

First Five Great Lessons:

The Coming of the Universe and the Earth - an introduction to the origins of the universe and our planet.

The Coming of Life - a look at how life began and evolved on Earth.

The Coming of Human Beings - the emergence of humans and their unique abilities.

The History of Writing - how written language developed and transformed human communication.

The History of Numbers - the development of mathematical thinking and number systems.

In Social Studies, students will learn about rules, being a good citizen, and the peace rose/corner.

Homework & i-Ready

- Homework will be assigned every Monday and collected on Friday.
- All homework must be completed, as it will be graded.
- i-Ready will be assigned as homework after students complete the first diagnostic test.

Specials & Dress Down Days

- Our P.E. and Art days are **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Students should wear their P.E. uniforms on those days and remember to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.
- Dress down days are every Thursday. A \$1 voluntary donation will be collected.

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