



Blues News



Academic News

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Hello! Thank you to all the parents who came to Back to School Night. It really helped us get a jumpstart on the year!

Most Fridays I will have a Friday Newsletter. You can also find it on our classroom website (<http://www.antioch34.com/webpages/rwalshire/>) under Classroom Newsletter. The newsletter will let you know what we did during the week. It will also include important dates coming up on the calendar and words we will be practicing.

It has been a joy getting to know each of the children and I am looking forward to the year ahead. Remember to work on the All About Me Bag this weekend so we can get to know the class even more.

W.C. Petty uses the PBIS model based on reinforcing positive behaviors of being safe, being responsible, and being respectful. Children went to various stations to learn the appropriate behaviors for the playground, bathroom, hallway, and cafeteria. The children are also learning the routines of the classroom and are getting a taste of what my expectations are. We established our classroom rules, too, which you were able to see on SeeSaw. Students can earn "Paws" for following the school and classroom expectations. Earning a certain number of "Paws" allows your child to earn a reward.

We have already read a ton of books like *Pete the Cat*, *The Kissing Hand*, *If You Take a Mouse to School*, and *First Day Jitters*. We are learning how to raise our hand, show active listening, and turning and talking to a partner. Next week we will begin our review of the alphabet, kindergarten high frequency words, words with the short a sound, and proper formation of letters.

In math, we are learning about how to do our calendar activities and are reviewing skills like patterning, identifying numbers, determining if a number is greater and less than another number, counting up and back, and making number bonds. Next week we will begin our math curriculum. Homework will be sent home each night as is expected to be returned the following day. If you ever have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

A few odds and ends...if you do not have a pair of gym shoes here at school, make sure to send your child with a pair every day. Students are not allowed to participate in PE without proper shoes. Also, flip flops are not allowed on the playground. Take Home Folders will be sent home every day. Please continue to send them back each day, even if they are empty. Please remember to send a **fruit or vegetable snack** to school with your child, and a utensil as needed. Nut products are okay for students to have during lunch. Curriculum Night is around the corner. This will be a time to learn about what your child will learn and to discover methods for supporting your child at home. You will also be able to sign up for Fall Conferences and I will take names of parents who are interested in volunteering. Classroom volunteers will begin in October. If you have not signed up for Seesaw yet, please do so soon so you can get a real-time glimpse of what your child is learning in school.

It's been wonderful getting to meet you all. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me; email is best. Have a fantastic weekend!

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Special Events:

- ☺ August 26: Return Questionnaire and All About Me Bag
- ☺ September 2: No School
- ☺ September 4: Petty Bobcat Booster Meeting in the Petty Library 6:00
- ☺ September 10: K-2 Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30

Word Wall Words

For now we are reviewing words from kindergarten

This Week: go is like see the this to we

Next Week: a first good had he I my was

Thought of the Week:

If you miss the little things, you miss the vast majority of life.

-Mother Teresa

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 5-Paisley
August 26-Hayden

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