

September 2009

Dear Families,

Greetings from Dekorra 1st grade! I can't believe how fast the first month of school has gone by! The students and I have really enjoyed getting to know each other so far. They are such a nice group of kids and very hard workers! It seems like I am learning something new from them every day☺ I will be sending out a monthly newsletter like this at the end of each month to inform you about what we have been doing and important dates you should be aware of as well. I feel like I got to know many of you at our Open House a couple weeks ago. It was great to see so many of you there! The first set of Parent-Teacher Conferences will be coming up in October and I look forward to seeing you then too.

I thought I would mention again the days students have specials so you are aware: **Monday** – Music and Computer Lab **Tuesday** – Art and Guidance (every other week), **Wednesday** – Music and Computer Lab **Thursday** – Art, Library, and Phy Ed **Friday** – Phy Ed. I also wanted to let you know about our **Author of the Month**, which I focus on with the help of our librarian Peggy Mauer. Peggy and I have discussed some popular children's authors that we think would be fun for the kids to learn about. Peggy usually gives the kids some biographical information about the author and reads books by that author during the kids Library time. I have a bulletin board in our room, which displays the author's name and some books written by him/her that we also read in our class. If you happen to be at the library, see if you can find books by our Author of the Month. For **September**, our author was **Bill Martin Jr.** and for **October** it is **Norman Bridwell**, who writes the popular Clifford books.

Some upcoming events are: **Oct. 1st** – Fall Walk with all 1st graders in the district on the Rowan Creek Walking Trails. Thanks so much to all the chaperones who have volunteered to come along☺. **Oct. 8th, 9th, 12th** – Parent/Teacher Conferences. A note was sent home about a week ago with your child's conference time. If you didn't receive one, please let me know. There is an Early Release at 12:30 on Oct. 8th and No School on Oct. 9th due to conferences. **Oct. 16th**. – A visit to the Poynette/Dekorra Fire Station for Fire Prevention Week. **Oct. 20th** – Going to the Poynette School to listen to a band concert by the middle school students. There will be **No School on Oct. 29th and Oct. 30th** due to Teachers Convention. Feel free to call (635-4347 ext. 116) or email me (akoch@poynette.k12.wi.us) at school with any questions or comments. Have an *Outstanding October!*