

Patton's Post



Everything you need to know from Room 22
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What's happening in Room 22?

Weekly Homework: Please continue to work with your child on the weekly homework assignments that are issued on Monday and due back to school by Friday. Both parents and children should sign the homework before turning it in.

Planners (a review): Time is provided at 3:30 for students to fill out planners by copying information off of the Smart-board. I'm looking into ways to provide this information on my website. When there is assigned homework or when a child

doesn't finish something in class and it's homework, this information should be highlighted in your child's planner.

B.E.E. binders: Students are giving directions in class for where to store handouts and assignments. The front pocket in the binder is not recommended for storage of papers. If you check your child's binder on a regular basis and notice that the front pocket is full, please help him/her

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Important Dates



- Oct. 4 ~ 5th Grade returns to the classroom—Welcome back!
- Oct. 12 ~ Dardenne/PTC Culver's Night
- Oct. 14 ~ Early release day
- Oct. 15 ~ End of 1st quarter
- Oct. 20 & 21 ~ Parent/Teacher conferences, fund raiser pick-up, and the Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 21 and 22 ~ NO SCHOOL!!

Take Home Folders

Students are using a navy blue plastic folder to transport important papers from me or from the office, as well as homework, to and from school. Some children have chosen to keep the folder in his/her B.E.E. binder, while others keep it separate. Just like the front pocket of the B.E.E. binder,

this folder should not fill up with numerous papers. Please assist your child in reviewing and removing handouts and flyers, and organizing and returning homework. Organization is the key to success, especially in preparation for middle school.

**Parents,
Please sign and
return the back
page of this
newsletter.**

What's Happening in Room 22...continued

Planners continued...

organize the papers into the correct sections of the B.E.E. binder, or to remove them completely if out-dated. **Parents—PLEASE DO NOT THROW AWAY ASSIGNMENTS!!** I give specific directions in class for assignments to be kept until the end of a unit. These provide a great resource for review or to prepare for a quiz/test. Even assignments with a grade on them should be kept in the appropriate section of the binder. Each week, several students report that "My mom took it

out of my binder," when asked where a handout or assignment is.

While I'm still getting to know the habits and personalities of each child, it is difficult for me to know if the assignment was really removed by a parent, or if this is an excuse as to why the work isn't finished and at school. **Informing parents that NOTHING SHOULD BE THROWN AWAY** (except for out-dated flyers—examples: Scholastic Book Orders,



picture day information, etc.) is my attempt at avoiding this problem in the future. If you are ever unsure about whether to keep or throw away something, you can send in a note, email me, or call me.

For more information about homework and other issues, you can visit the "For Parents" page on my site at www.mrspatton.com.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

On October 20 and 21st, conferences will be held to discuss your child's progress so far this year. Report cards will be given to parents at this time. In addition, I plan to share DRA results with you and how I will use them to plan reading instruction. Conferences are scheduled in 20 minute blocks of time. During our conference, if we feel addi-

tional time is needed, we can set that up. Please make every effort to be on time for conferences. If you need to cancel and reschedule at the last minute, you can call the school office and let someone know. About a week before conferences, I will send home a survey to help organize our time together to use our time together most effectively.



Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to read about the events in our learning community. This newsletter is a valuable form of communication between school and home. Please provide any feedback in the space provided below. This documentation assures me that you have the most up-to-date information about our classroom. Also, please note the information below regarding the MSIP survey that was sent home with your child yesterday.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Patton

*The Fort Zumwalt School District will be participating in an MSIP (Missouri School Improvement Program) review this year. This review occurs every 5 years in schools throughout the state. One of the components of the review is a parent and student survey. Parents—The survey was sent home yesterday with your child. **Please complete the survey and return it to school with your child as soon as you can.** The parent surveys will provide our school and our school district with valuable parent perspectives that we can use to improve our instructional programming for all children.*

My child's name: _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Comments: