



Sign up for Dojo and return permission slip :-)

In effort to "go green" Our newsletter will be available on-line on our classroom website starting next week. It can be found on the school website. Click the staff directory tab for Jeffrey Clark and find "**DiDonato**". Thank you!

Weekly Newsletter ~ Mrs. DiDonato and Ms. Curtis

# MAGICAL MINDS

September 16-20th

#### COMING THIS WEEK...

t - top - /t/ b - bat - /b/ f - fun - /f/

In Fundations this week (our phonics program), we will be introducing and reviewing the Fundations tools and procedures to students. Please see the Fundations introduction letter that will be sent home at the beginning of each unit. We will begin unit 1. In Journeys' (our literacy program), we are also introducing students to the program and its' procedures this week. Please see Journey's "Week At a Glance" letter in your Back To School Night packet. We are just starting the beginning stages of writing as well and start Unit 1 of our writing program 'How Writer's Work'. We will also be beginning reading strategies and practicing reading skills.

Skills: rhymes, concepts of print, book handling, syllables, distinguish between numbers and letters, letter names, pencil grip, writing grid

**Math** We have begun counting, modeling, and writing numbers 1-5. We will also explore in this first chapter how to sequence 1-5 and understand zero as "none".

#### Science/S.S.

Literacy

S.S. ~ Citizenship - Rules and Laws

SCI~ Effects of the sun

#### SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday-	Wed	Thurs	Friday-
PE	Tech/Library	Spanish	PE and Art	Music
Vay 4	Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3

### THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

Thank you for attending Back to School Night!

Dojo is now open this week! If have not already done so, please return permission slips.

Class directory paper is due back by September 20th if you would like to be included.

Our compliment chain is growing by the day!! Kidstuff Books went home today - Send in if interested!

They did a great job on the first fire drill!

Please remember to bring a snack each day!

### HOMEWORK (DUE FRIDAYS)

Homework will begin in October!

Please practice high frequency words for week 1:

# I, one

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# IMPORTANT DATES

September 26 - HALF DAY 12:40pm dismissal ~ Samuel Mickle Back to School Night

October 4 - "Kidstuff" Sale Ends

#### TIPS AND TRICKS

- Each night recite the alphabet, practice counting above 10, write your name.
- Optional: Begin making a sight word box. Each week when we learn new words, add them to a box and pick out a few each night to practice. (shoe box, wipes container, index cards). Ask students to come up with rhyming words as well.
- Password Game: Choose different letters, numbers, and sight words to make as "passwords" to different rooms in the house. Every time the students want to enter the room, ask for the password :-)