



Grade Update

August 20-24

From the Teachers!

We have successfully completed our first week of school!

Thank you to all of the students and parents for their hard work this week getting adjusted to our new schedules and routines.

Everybody did a great job focusing and learning! It's going to be an exciting year, we are really looking forward to what lies ahead! 😊

****Forms for the front office were due today. If you have not submitted the, please make sure they arrive on Monday****

Reminders

- Parents must drop students off at the front gate only beginning Monday 8/20
- Clubs start Monday 8/20
- PTO Meeting
 - Tuesday, Sept 4th
- Back to School Picnic
 - Sept 16th
- Pro Dad Camping Trip Meeting
 - Wednesday Sept 19th

Update in Classroom Management!

After a week in the classroom, and getting to know the kiddos Ms. Dolan and Ms. Eisenbacher have decided to incorporate Class Dojo into our behavior management plan along with the current clip chart system. Class Dojo will be used to encourage important skills, like working hard and going above and beyond to display leadership skills. It will also be used to address inappropriate behaviors such as talking out of turn or not following directions.

At the end of class we will assess the student's points.

*** 3 negative points will drop a student's color to green**

*** 5 negative points will drop a student's color to yellow**

*** 7 negative points will drop a student's color to red.**

The meaning and consequences for these colors are shared in the open house packet. We will also use it to communicate with you: we can instantly share messages, updates and photos from class. We would like all families to join us and sign up for ClassDojo!

You can use it on any device: it is a simple, free mobile app for iOS and Android, and can also be used from a computer at: www.classdojo.com. Ms. Dolan's parent directions on how to download and join your student's ELA class is on the **green flyer**. Ms. Eisenbacher's directions are on the **blue flyer**. Please make sure to sign up for BOTH classes to see your child's behavior progress for ELA and Science.

Please feel free to reach out to us at dolanj@platoacademy.net or eisenbacher@platoacademy.net with any questions. We are happy to help!

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Science & SS with Ms. Eisenbacher

This week we will be organizing our green binders and becoming familiar with our Pearson Science Workbooks!

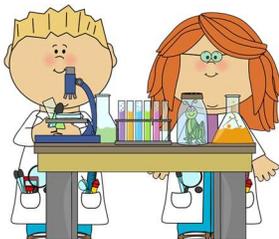
Our learning topic is all about Scientists!

Our learning goal is:

- o Big Idea 1: I can recognize that scientists question, discuss, and check each other's evidence and explanations

We are talking about traits of a good scientist, what questions scientists ask, what skills scientists use, and how scientists answer questions.

Science homework will begin next Tuesday, 8/21



ELA with Ms. Dolan

Over the past week I have been enjoying getting to know each and every one of your students and I hope they can say the same. This first week always seems to be the same procedures, rules and routines. I tried to spice things up a bit this year. The students have incorporated a morning or afternoon greeting when they arrive at my class. They work on skills such as eye contact, formal introductions and firm handshakes. We began to build a reading life and I would love to share a few quotes from our students when posed with the following questions:

"What do readers read?" some students answered "price tags, law papers, billboards, text messages, homework (Wooo Wooo to those parents going back to college), books, recipes."

What do our parents read? Students answered: "facebook, instagram, snapchat, movie credits, stuff on the ipad."

Yesterday we had a special guest come visit! Safari Guide Sally took us on an exciting tour of our classroom library. The students will continue to build good reading habits, write a beginning of the year essay and take a baseline assessment to evaluate their levels in reading and writing this upcoming week!

Vocabulary Homework due next Friday, 8/24

Math with Mrs. Harvey

We will be engaging our brains with a review of second grade material (telling time, elapsed time, addition, subtraction, measuring with a ruler, measuring with measuring cups.) We will also begin learning about the properties of addition and multiplication. There will be a quiz next Thursday, August 23rd, covering second grade material that homework has been/will be coming home on: time, simple elapsed time, measuring to the nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and subtraction and addition (fact families and using inverse operations.) You will be receiving a passwords sheet soon. Please hold onto them/take a picture. We will have a Tenmarks assignment each week. Students are required to view AT LEAST the first video to receive full points, though there are often several available. (It will not register that it has been watched if the video is paused, restarted, or exited before it stops.) These assignments generally will take about 15 minutes total once students get the hang of using the videos and hint features. They also can be saved over multiple sessions. The first one will be due August 31st. We will have one more week of paper homework before the Homework Buddy assignments begin. Please check the agenda page in the red folder for specific assignments to be done at home each week as students will often have several assignments open for classwork as well.