

Mrs. Ponte's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome to a brand new school year! I am excited to spend another year with your wonderful children. This year will be full of exciting new opportunities for our 5th grade Falcons. I've included some important dates that you can put on your calendar now to plan for the school year. We'll be meeting soon to discuss a big event in our 5th grade year – Science Camp!

I will continue to use Remind as a way to communicate with you about anything and everything. If you've gotten a new phone or need to connect with our class, you can text: **@mrspon4 to the number 81010**

Learner Profile Trait of the Month:

Caring – We show empathy, compassion, and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

40 Book Challenge: Ready...set...read! We are starting a 40 Book Challenge today! This year, I am challenging each 5th grader (and myself) to read at least 40 books this school year. This is a personal challenge, not a competition. We will track our progress using reading journals at school. The goals of the 40 Book Challenge are:

- To explore new reading genres that might be different from what a student might normally choose to read
- To increase students' love of reading
- To make academic gains in reading

I value your support with this challenge! Please check in with your child about what they're reading each evening. Students will also have time in class to read and respond to the books they choose.

Important Dates

August 8: Back to School Night: 5-6 pm

September 23rd, October 28th, January 13th:

No school for students

October 7-11th: Fall Break

January 20-24: SCIENCE CAMP!

Important Notes for the First Week!

- ✓ Make sure to take some time to fill out all the Back-To-School forms that your child brought home. You can return them as soon as possible but no later than Friday, August 9th. Thank you!
- ✓ Our school uniform policy remains the same this year. Please see the handbook for specific details.
- ✓ Our scheduled week for Science Camp is January 20-24. We will be selling Jamba Juice BOGO cards soon. This will be our first opportunity for students to earn money for camp. If you are interested in helping to run this fundraiser, or have an idea for another one, please message me. Thanks!
- ✓ This newsletter will ONLY be sent home digitally through Remind and on my website starting NEXT week. ***If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the weekly newsletter, please write me a note and send it with your child.***
- ✓ I have TWO Donors Choose projects online right now. If you are looking for a way to donate supplies to our classroom, I would definitely appreciate your support with either of these projects. The link to my teacher page is: donorschoose.org/m.ponte