

Mrs. Ponte's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week we will continue our beginning of the year assessments using a new program called i-Ready. This replaces the MAP test. After all the testing is done I will start scheduling goal setting conferences with you and your child.

I appreciate the commitment I see from students regarding the 40 book challenge! Keep up the great work at home and at school.

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.



We are in need of magazines for a Vision Board project students will be completing during Art time. If you have any old (family friendly) magazines that you wouldn't mind donating for this project, please send them with your child this week. They will be cutting them up, so we won't be returning them to you. Thank you!

Important Dates

Spirit Wear Sales start August 19th

Fall Pictures: August 22nd

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

No school for students

October 7-11th: Fall Break

January 20-24: SCIENCE CAMP!

Important Notes for the Week!

- ✓ Thank you for filling out the Back-To-School forms that your child brought home. Please send any remaining forms you might have at home with your child as soon as possible. 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!
- ✓ 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

Book Pick of the Week:

[The Tale of Despereaux](#) by Kate DiCamillo

From Kirkus Reviews: The melodramatic voice of the narrator glides through DiCamillo's entirely pleasing tale, and so unwinds a tale with twists and turns, full of forbidden soup and ladles, rats lusting for mouse blood, a servant who wishes to be a princess, a knight in shining—or at least furry—armor, and all the ingredients of an old-fashioned drama.