

# Mrs. Ponte's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week we will begin our new Math program, Ready Math. You should see (almost) daily homework now that we're starting our curriculum.

Look for the Monday Envelope this week, I'm sending home information about Picture Day and our first Science Camp fundraiser. Just a note - I won't send home the Monday Envelope if we don't have any flyers to send home for the week.

**Important Dates**

Spirit Wear Sales start August 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Fall Pictures: August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
August 26 – Sept 13: Jamba Juice Fundraiser  
 PYA PTA Picnic: August 31, Victory Park  
September 23<sup>th</sup>: No School  
October 7-11<sup>th</sup>: Fall Break

**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.

## Important Notes for the Week!

- ✓ Due to the extra-hot weather, we will have a modified PE and Recess schedule. Students may bring extra water and a hat if they want. On the flip side, it does get really COLD in our classroom, and many students are bringing jackets to wear inside only.
- ✓ Our scheduled week for Science Camp is January 20-24. We will be selling Jamba Juice BOGO cards beginning August 26th. Please return the commitment letter for selling cards as soon as possible. It will be in the Monday envelope.
- ✓ 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](http://donorschoose.org/m.ponte)

## Unit of Inquiry: Who We Are

Central Idea (written by your students!): Beliefs, values, and attitudes can connect or disconnect us to the world.

Focus of Inquiry: Students are very interested in learning about how our beliefs, values, and attitudes are expressed in the areas of Science, History, our cultures, and in current political events. We will also be doing a novel study and exploring ways that authors and characters in the books we are reading express what they believe and value.



**Book Pick of the Week:**

This week I'm sharing this blog post, 15 Books to Read if you loved *Wonder*. Lots of great books on this list!

[15 Books You Should Read if You Loved Wonder](#)