

Hello everyone,

I hope all of you are having a nice weekend. It is hard to believe this is the last weekend in Summer

The children did awesome again this week. All of them did a fantastic job sharing their Persons this week. It was terrific getting to know them a little better 😊 They understood the groups and moved around the room pretty well. Just to remind you, the groups do change each week. This really allows the students to get to know everyone in the class.

Speaking of getting to know everyone, this week is Friendship Week. All the activities, crafts, songs, etc... will revolve around being a good friend. I have what is called, Friendship Partners. The students will be paired up with another student in the room. The friendship partners will change each day. I do try and match up students with other students they do not seem to know. I love watching friendships grow and blossom:)

One of our class books called Meet Mrs. O'Connell's Class began last week, and will be completed this week. This is a wonderful book for the families to be able to put a name to a face of each of the children in our class. Each child will have the opportunity to bring the book home. Please read it with your child and write in the comments section in the back of the book. Then send it back into school the next day. Thank you!

Our Helpers begin this week. You were given a calendar of who the helper is on what day for September. When your child is Helper, he/she will bring the Helper Box home. He/she will fill it with 5 items of their choice and return the box back to school the next day. He/she will be our leader of the day:) The children love it!!

We will also be beginning Library on **Tuesday** this week. They will be able to bring home a library book they choose from our Library cart. Your child can keep their book at home for the week. Please return the book the following **Tuesday**. Thank you. We normally would begin Gym, however, with the weather looking good this week, we will continue to go outside.

I forgot to mention that the children now have Mats to lay on for rest time. It is nice that the children have their towels, blankets, pillows, books and stuffies to rest with. Since there are a lot of items the children have to bring to school on Monday and bring home on Friday, we thought it would be helpful to put everything in a bag (even a handle tie garbage bag). The bag will stay in school all week and we will send it all back in the bag on Friday. Please label everything.

Thank you so much for sharing your children. I am really excited about watching the Friendships develop this week 😊

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### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 19th-Library Starts

October 1st- RNS Stroll

October 9th- No School