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**Home Reading Folders:**

I hope your reading has gone well at home. I was impressed with how many folders came back the next day. The requirement is for at least 2 times a week.

If your child has started reading chapter books the routine changes just a little. The kids are only expected to read the book 1 time, and then they need to take an AR test (which can be found in the “resources” section on our class website)

**SNACKS:**

Next week Ken’s family will provide snack for the class. We just need snacks for 24 kids for Tuesday, and Thursday. Thank you in advance.

**Science:**

We have started our science unit on sound. This week we made a collage of pictures from magazines that made us think about sound. We also started our science notebooks and have completed our first page. We listening to some common sounds and tried to identify them, as well as identify what caused them, and then write out what letters can be put together to make those same sounds.

**Math Homework Starts Today:**

In the “Homework” side of your Thursday Fish Folders there will be a math packet. This is the packet of homework for the WEEK. ***Please do not have your child do this all in one day.*** It is meant to be a daily activity to work on to review the concepts we have been learning in class. Students can always work on memorizing math facts if they need extra practice with flash cards, or in Xtra math.

One of the best ways to practice math skills is through board games. Monopoly, Sorry, Catan for Kids, any games where students are counting, using currency, or adding and subtracting things is awesome.

I had a family my first year of teaching that used to play a game in the car. It was called, “Yellow Jell-O”. Every time some one saw a yellow car they would say “yellow Jell-O” and get 5 points. The kids were learning to count by 5’s, which is a math concept that we will learn this year.

**COSA/PTA Meetings: (TONIGHT!!!!!)**

We have a wonderful parent group for the open school that is called COSA. There is a board with four members and a regular monthly meeting. These meetings topics can range from budget, to program future conversations. The board helps make all of the wonderful extra things we do in our program happen. If you are interested in serving on the board, or attending the meetings please stop by the first meeting on SEPTEMBER 12th at 5:30 and check it out. Each grade level gives a summary of what they are up to in their classrooms, and you can get a bigger picture of the program.

Since you might already be here, our PTA also meets SEPTEMBER 12th and will gather in the library right after the COSA meeting. The PTA helps with supporting the school in making Chinook a place where families feel very welcome. If you are not a member of the PTA please contact:

anchoragechinookpta@gmail.com

**Important dates:**

Sep. 12th – COSA mtg. 5:30

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Sep. 19th – Open House 5:30 – 7:00

Sep. 26th – Picture Day

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