

Hello Families!

We had a great day in Room 16! I enjoyed seeing all the students and hope they felt the same way. The room was definitely full of energy. Thirty bundles of energy, myself included!

In addition to starting to get to know each other, surviving the chore of sorting and organizing personal folders, work materials and supplies, teams built solar ovens. Tomorrow we will test these ovens in an attempt to bake s'mores.

Students will also have a chance to try out different seating options and we will come up with an arrangement that works for the rest of this month as well as September. Additionally, students will pick a room job. These jobs are rotated approximately every two weeks. We will gently dip our toes into academic work and an art project, as well as continue to learn about each other, school routines and behavior expectations.

Your child brought home a homework folder with many items for you to read, fill out and send back in. Please ask to see this folder. Included in the homework folder is a blue weekly calendar. I've attached a copy of this calendar to this email (without the reading log that will start next week). This sheet contains important information for you and your child. Homework assignments, our daily specials, learning goals and more, are on this sheet. I will send home a new calendar the first school day of each week.

Your child has their first homework assignment, which is due on Wednesday. Please look for the letter I wrote to students with the yellow instructions attached. Unfortunately my home printer conked out last night so I was not able to print the letter in color. I have attached a copy of the original incase your child would like to see better photographs. I do not expect your child to include any pictures in their letter back to me, but they are welcome to do so.

We expect potable drinking water to return to Duniway water fountains any day now. In the mean time, please make sure your child has a water bottle for use at school every day. Our school's lost and found collection is already growing— please remember to label lunch bags and water bottles, as well as all clothes items.

Thank you to those of you who have sent in the \$45 for school supplies. If donating funds at this time creates a hardship for your family in any way, please let me know.

I am excited about this upcoming school year and look forward to teaming with you to make this a great final year at Duniway for your child. Please stay in touch with me when you have any questions, concerns or feedback.

Enjoy the blue sky!

Fondly,
Nina