

# Leo's Family Newsletter

Friday, September 6th, 2019



## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, August 28th**

First Day of School! (1st-8th grades)

**Monday, September 2nd**

NO SCHOOL: Labor Day

**Wednesday September 18th at 9am**

School Photos for our Class

**Thursday, September 26th, 6:00pm-7:45pm**

Back to School Night

**Wednesday, October 9th**

Indigenous People's Day (still school)

**Friday, October 11th**

NO SCHOOL- Statewide Inservice

## Connect to Your Kid

*What story are you making a comic about?*

*Who do you chat with at lunch?*

## Announcements

- Welcome to your first newsletter! I am going to send these out approximately weekly, but sometimes bi-monthly.
- I also use a website that includes ongoing announcements, resources, class information, a wish list, etc.. Here it is: <https://leoslearners.weebly.com/>
- Every day, please make sure your student brings:
  - Their home folder (even if empty)
  - A backpack
  - A lunch (unless hot lunch), snacks, and water bottle (optional)
  - Shoes that they can play in
- Students have been hungry hippos by the time snack roles around (at 10:45am). Please help students eat a hefty, protein packed breakfast each morning. Students are welcome to eat breakfast here through the school program 8:30am onwards. It's also okay to provide a solo snack in case you know your child prefers certain food items or needs a lot of snacks throughout the day. Either myself or a room parent will send out a form to help organize snack schedules for first quarter.

## Announcements Cont'd

- We had challenging art and P.E. classes this week. While there was some wiggle room with art having a substitute who is still learning a lot, we also agreed that as a class we were NOT our best selves, and actually far from it. Please check in with your child about art and P.E. class. These ideally should be lovely, fun, special classes outside of our classroom to explore meaningful play, sports skills, and artistic creativity. Students who continue to disrupt these classes will partake in community repair and service related to the class.
- With garden rotations starting, this is a good time to make sure your child has rain gear (layers and shoes) that they feel awesome being outside in, even when it is raining. This is also true for field studies, so having a set of rain clothes in lockers can be handy.
- I will share a lot of information about how the blend specifically works at Back to School Night. I am looking forward to reconnecting with current 5th grade families and meeting our 4th's families.
- Just in case it got lost in the shuffle, please check in with your student about their **inspirational quotes homework** that was due this morning. We will be working with quotes in writing next week.



## What We're Learning

**Math:** We launched math by doing problem solving about equality and also thinking about different strategies for a fun dice rolling game. Next week we are diving into a special math launch unit on Video Games that will secretly teach your child a ton of math while being very engaging. Students will split into 4th and 5th grade math learning teams starting next week.

**Writing:** Our first unit is "The Best Parts of Me." There are multiple components to this writing project and it will help us explore who we are and share that with our community. This week we focused on creating a short comic that shows/tells something about us as a person.

**Reading:** Students were VERY eager to start read to self time. After proving that they could sustain 30 minutes of silent read to self, they earned the ability to check out books from our classroom library. The 5ths also received their reading log, where they will record the books they read during class this year. I will show this document to families at Back to School Night.

**Science/Social Studies:** Students worked in teams to build a contraption using only paper and masking tape that would hold a dictionary. We will share and test our design next week.

**Social/class:** Our goal is to work together in groups of 2 or 3, while also taking care of supplies during lessons. We also set up our class meeting norms and launched morning meeting.