

3 IS 4 FOR ME

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MMSA Room 209

Book Orders

You can order books until November 30. The orders I've received so far have been sent in. Many of you have used the online ordering and this is great. Thank you for encouraging your kids to read. (See next article.)

D.E.A.R. Time

Whenever a student finishes their work, they are encouraged to sit back and read. Five times a week we have designated reading times, and for two of two of these sessions, I ask the students to read a story/chapter book. What I ask is that it has a beginning, middle and end. It has paragraphs with sentence punctuation. I help them find books on Wednesday during library time. I beg them to try new books. At other times, they can read their Garfield books, their animal books, their Captain Underpants or Sponge Bob. All reading is wonderful, and two times a week I expect them to quietly read a story book. Please help make this happen. **On their green Homework Worksheet, I want to see the titles of books they are reading.**

Recess

As I have already shared, everyone goes out for recess. We have tried hard to maintain a morning recess during construction. I never knew there were so many ways to play Four Square. It's rather exhausting . . .

Friday Volunteers

We have bags of supplies and multiple ideas for Friday activities. Please let me know if you will be joining us so I can best plan for group sizes. Be in our classroom by 1:15 p.m. and we finish for dismissal at 2:30. E-mail or phone me your availability.

Backpacks

Keep those backpacks lean and light. NO extra stuff is needed. Desks have two pencils

(never mechanical), a red pen and school books. STAR folders are needed every day.

Buddies

We have been blessed with many opportunities to see our preschool buddies! As we prepare for Christmas, please do NOT bring in any gifts for your buddies. The partnership exists to spend time with one another. Again, no gifts PLEASE.

Lost Book

A book from the Roseville Library called Reptiles is missing. I appreciate your looking around for it. Thank you.

That Four-Letter Word

Please be careful when using the word busy. Students are telling me they were too busy to do their work, their parents are too busy to do this or that and that they might be too busy to do my request. Kids are amazingly absorbent sponges who quickly learn that "being busy" can be a handy excuse. We are creating the foundation for later years. Make God, family and school the top three priorities.

Patrick, Our Pen Pal

We are exchanging letters with a Peace Corp Volunteer in South Africa. Patrick has sent us information about the animals, anthem, flag and everyday life in his village. It is so exciting when a letter arrives!

Thank You

Thank you for sending your beloved young ones to MMSA. They will make a difference in our world and I am most fortunate to play this role in their lives.