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Please create a predictable routine for homework, with a special place and time set aside for homework. This will help your student develop good study habits that will support him or her throughout his or her school years!

Parent – Teacher Conferences will be on Wed. Oct. 17 and Thur. Oct. 18 in the evenings.

Here is the Sign Up Genius address:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084EACAB2EAAF94-fall3

If you cannot schedule online, please let me know a time that works for you between 4 and 8 p.m. on Wed. Oct. 17 or Thur. Oct. 18 and I will schedule you. Conferences are with homeroom teachers.

**Writing:**  Students have worked on plot summaries, informational (expository) paragraphs, and personal narratives so far in writing. Ask your student to tell you about the parts of a personal narrative.

**Reading/Skills:** Students have completed STAR reading and Aimsweb testing, and they are reading independently and take AR quizzes. All students also meet with guided reading groups to read challenging texts. Students need to remember to read aloud at home to increase fluency and reading speed. Students should not take AR quizzes until they are sure they know the book well. In reading core, all third graders are learning about how children around the world overcome various obstacles to access books and reading. Ask your student how children in different parts of the world get books.

**Math:** Students have been working on multiplication and division word problems. Students have started using Math Facts in a Flash and they are welcome to work on this and IXL (at 3rd grade level) at home. The PTA has funded this subscription for all students in grades 3-5. Students should work at grade level, unless instructed otherwise by an Edison teacher.

**Social Studies:** Students are learning about justice. Ask your student to explain the three types of problems of justice. Students have also started looking for things to appreciate about each other during our “Sincere Recognitions” time in class.

**Science:** Students will begin studying life cycles, particularly of insects, in October.

On Monday, October 1, students will enjoy a field trip to Majestic View Nature Center in Arvada (near the Arvada Center). At the Nature Center, students will rotate through stations to learn about insects’ life cycles, insects up close, wetlands, pollution, and experience an insect safari.

We will leave Edison at 9:15 a.m. and return at 1:00 p.m. Students will eat lunches at Edison when we return to school, so sending lunch in your student’s regular lunchbox is fine. Please make sure your student eats a big, healthy breakfast on Monday, Oct. 1.

Some stations are indoors and some are outdoors, so students should dress for the weather.

# Reminders:

# Upcoming Field Trip:

# What We’ve Been Busy Doing:

Ms.Mathews’s Classroom News

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