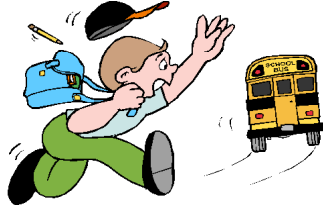


ABDAL-KHABIR CLASS NEWS

Week ONE!

September 3, 2009



Your child has completed his/her first tremendous week it was! I forget how quiet they all are in the beginning of the year (nervous?) and remember that by the time we get to Open House, everyone in here will be chattering away like birds!

We spent a lot of time this week talking about organization, the importance of including one another, and (in general) creating a classroom environment where everyone feels great about themselves and great to be a part of the bigger group!

Please ask your child to share with you what they remember about the following: the math game "Mark-It," the scavenger hunt of the classroom with their group, our Open Circle procedures, our class rules, the book Hatchet by Gary Paulsen, 10-minute math with dot arrays, our new "block" schedule system, our table points and earning tickets procedures, our AMAZING classroom library, Mrs. Miller as their Social Studies teacher, their "All About Me" writing assignment and their ability to "Make New Friends!"

As your student can tell you, we have completed many activities that helped each of us get to know the other students in our class better. Group, partner and individual work was also done this week, as well as a variety of pre-tests and the beginnings of individual assessments that will allow me to base curriculum instruction to meet the varying individual needs of all the children in the class. Next week we will delve deeper into the fifth grade curriculum.

As the year progresses, please feel free to leave me a message at Nixon (x4120) or send me an email (amie_abdal-khabir@sudbury.k12.ma.us) to let me know your child's feelings about the level of difficulty for both classwork and homework. It will take several weeks for me to get to know each child's capabilities in depth, but I will encourage the students to communicate their individual strengths and weaknesses to me.

Thank you all so much for purchasing the needed supplies (especially tissues and wipes) for the classroom. All of the students came in so well prepared! I always have PLENTY of extra supplies on hand, so if your child is missing something, please do not worry. I can supply it !

Thank you in advance for your support this year! See you at Open House on Thursday, September 24! Have an awesome LONG weekend!

Sincerely, Amie Abdal-Khabir