SOLDOTNA MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

Claire, Sarah, and Kemma at lunch.

9/1/22

Issue #3



<u>Important dates and</u> <u>upcoming events:</u>

- No school Mon. Sept. 5th, Labor Day
- Picture Day, Thur., Sept 8th
- Fri. Sept. 9th early release day @ 2pm
- Kenai River Rafting and overnight OEC camping Sept. 14th and 15th
- Faris' Class hosts first All School Assembly on the 30th of Sept.
- Thur. Oct. 13th early release @ 2pm
- End of 1st Qtr. No School, In-Service, Friday, Oct. 14th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Thur. and Fri. Oct. 27th and 28th
- Fri., Nov. 11th early release @ 2pm
- Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 24th and 25th No School

Mr. Faris' Facts

Hello parents and families, we have tried to get into a more regular routine this week. We began guided reading groups, and are blocking for writing groups as we are for math. If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact me. Your child might have Mrs. Moore or Mrs. Carter for math or writing. We all have similar expectations, and are trying to meet each child where they are at in those curricular areas.

Our overnight field trip plans are set. We are praying for LESS RAIN! I will send home more detailed info next week but we will be leaving school early on the morning of the 14th, rafting and then spending the night at the Swanson River OEC, and returning to school in time for buses on the 15th. The field trip is in conjunction with the KNWR educational program, and the focus is Leave No Trace. Students are beginning to learn about the 7 principles of LNT.

There is a cost of \$50 per student for rafting. Chaperones will be free. If you need help with the rafting cost, please contact me as the school does have a scholarship program.

We could use 1 or 2 more chaperones on the trip if you are available. You will need your background check filled out and complete (online at KPBSD website, and paperwork for driving.) If you have questions, you can call me or Mrs. Cavazos. We can only provide these hands-on learning opportunities with your help, so even if you cannot chaperone, you can help gather food for the trip. In the email (which the newsletter came with), there is a link to a Google Document for our field trip menu. Please follow the directions and sign up for an item or two.

We will be taking many other field trips and going on learning adventures outside of our school site. As we begin to receive our Permanent Fund Dividends, please think about putting aside some money for our Peterson Bay and Alyeska field trips this spring.

Don't forget to have your child bring in their Weekly Reading Log tomorrow. Hopefully they have been reading and keeping track of their minutes. The fridge is the best place to keep it!

No school on Monday, September 5th because of Labor Day, and school pictures are next week on Thursday, September 8th.

We have a class blog (website), with lots of information, and links. <u>tinuyurl.com/mr-faris</u> You will find a generic schedule, newsletters, student blogs, a link to our school website, and more.

Thanks for all you do and please contact me with questions or concerns. 260-9221 or mfaris@kpbsd.k12.ak.us Sincerely, Mr. Faris