



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Franklin families,

It's hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of our first month of school! So far, so great! Here are a few highlights that I would like to share:

- ❖ **Thank you, PTO:** Thank you to our amazing PTO who planned such an enjoyable Welcome Back BBQ. The turnout was great, as was the perfect weather, delicious food, and fun activities.
- ❖ **Mosaic parent volunteer update:** As we plan for our exciting Artist-in-Residence experience for the weeks of October 9th and 16th, our artist has requested 3 parent helpers for each art class and sign up information accompanied this week's PTO blast. We will also offer Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30-7:30 pm for parents who would like to contribute to the mosaic as well as Wednesday, October 11th from 3:15-4:15 pm for our former 5th graders.
- ❖ **Teacher newsletters:** In addition to the PTO's weekly blast and my letter, homeroom teachers will share a "highlights reel" weekly newsletter which includes academic learning goals/activities, important upcoming dates, and housekeeping items. We value building a healthy communication line with our parent community and hope that this helps to maintain a strong connection between our school and your homes.
- ❖ **Learning Workshop teacher addition:** We are so fortunate to have added a much needed part-time Learning Workshop teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Cerra, to our student support team. She has shared this letter of introduction:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YgnW2ldnIY3EmFjFe02PMxXEM7S_Nc7BkrtG1pcvsfs/edit?usp=sharing

She has been administering assessments to identify children who may meet the criteria as well as creating a schedule that optimizes student contact time. Mrs. Cerra will provide additional phonics/reading support for first, second, and third graders. Mrs. Shin will provide additional phonics/reading support for our fourth and fifth graders, as well as math support for all students who meet the criteria.

- ❖ **Halloween festivities:** Halloween is right around the bend, so here is our plan:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xFuljEx-pnnnTcrS_tbrj2Z6cjLCu57ipvT_NrUV-NI/edit?usp=sharing

We aim to cultivate the scholar, leader, and citizen within each of our students. Our home-school partnership serves as the foundation for all that is possible here at Franklin, and I thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful week,

Mrs. Mirrione