



# Troy Newsletter

September 11, 2023

## Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

This will be our first full week of school and everyone is excited about the Monday routines and activities that will begin today. Given that this will be the first week with some of our specials, a review of expectations will still be a big part of the focus this week.

We have also started collecting important information from our fall benchmark assessments. These assessments are designed to give us data at the beginning of the year that will help us identify individual student needs so that we can begin planning lessons and activities targeted to these needs. These assessments also give us a starting point to compare to when we assess again in the winter and spring. Teachers will be explaining the importance to students of just giving their best effort as these will help us know best how to meet their individual needs. **Please help us by ensuring that your child comes to school every day - well rested, ready to learn, and reminded that we all care about them and want to help them do their best learning.**

With that in mind, it is a good time to remind families of the importance of healthy routines at home, such as a consistent bedtime with limited screen time before bed, healthy meals and snacks, plenty of opportunities to read and be read to, and making time every day to talk about school and the many things learned each day. Positive school attendance habits should be a priority so that students understand that missing school is only an option when they are too sick to attend or occasionally when other priorities have to come first such as a medical appointment or family emergency. As a general rule, students should know that you fully support them attending school every day. If your child routinely expresses that he/she does not want to attend school, please talk with them about why and reach out to your child's teacher to schedule a time to meet and discuss how we can support your family in ensuring that your child enjoys coming to school and comes ready to learn.



Reminders this week include:

- At this time, we are still asking that students be dropped off at the main entrance where a staff member will greet them and escort them inside.
- Daily dismissal time will begin with parent pick ups at 3:00, followed by bus dismissals beginning at approximately 3:15. Parents are asked to pull up to the entrance and your child will be brought out to meet your car.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or need support for your child or your family. Have a great week!

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### Notes from the Office:

Please remember to complete any beginning of the year paperwork and/or necessary updates so that we have accurate information regarding your child. Thank you!

### Important Upcoming Dates.....

9/11 - School Board Meeting at MVHS

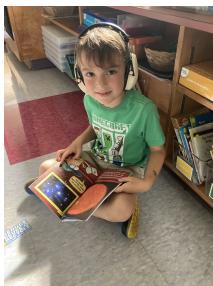
9/27 - Early Release Day

10/6 - No School - Professional Development Day for Teachers

10/9 - No School

Check out what's happening at Troy School ... Week Of: 9/5

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Our second week seemed even more full than our first! Highlights of the week:

- We explored new centers to practice our knowledge of letters, sounds and words.
- Took math outside to learn about ordering and symmetry. (On Thursday we even added a little water to our work to cool off!)
- Tried out "Brain Bins" (A collection of activities to support skills such as: collaboration, patterning, engineering and communication!)

Favorite Read Alouds:

Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun by Maria Dismondy

Miss Bindergarten Stays Home from Kindergarten by Joseph Slate



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This week we reviewed informational writing from last year. We practiced writing stories about animals we knew a lot about. In math we played a math game to review what we learned last year.

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This week, we worked more on working together as a classroom and how we can help each other learn and grow. We started working on what reading class will look like and how we can become better authors. We talked about some ways mathematicians focus and learn during math class. We also started our classroom jobs this week to make sure we are taking care of our environment.

From the students:

On Tuesday, we did C.A.R.E.S. with the little kids. We had to take them and show them around the school and teach them what to do and not to do. We went outside and inside.

	<p>By Allyson</p> <p>My favorite activity we did this week was the "very dangerous" M&amp;M project. What me and Braydn did was we got two mini bags of M&amp;Ms and then we counted each color and amount total with both bags. P.S. Thank you Mrs. Spinning!</p> <p>By Bennett</p>
PE	<p>Another perfect week at Troy - the enthusiasm that the children are demonstrating for PE is awesome - they are continuing to work on strength, endurance and perseverance - never quit - I CAN'T DO IT YET is our motto in PE and life - keep on moving</p>
Library	<p>Our younger grades have been learning about proper book care and library expectations, while our older classes have jumped right into their chapter books! It's been great seeing all the kiddos again, and they've been making great book choices already!</p>
Agriculture 	<p>We are award-winning gardeners! We showed our vegetables at the Windsor Fair and earned several awards as a school and as a district. We won five first place awards and two second place awards for our Magic Mollie Potatoes, Spoon Tomatoes, and other produce. Congratulations, students! Common Ground Fair, here we come!</p>

## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

### When Do Absences Become a Problem



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

