



Hotaling/Mitchell News

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Thanks!

We hope everyone had a great weekend. Thank you for the class donations! We will be happy to accept anything from the cupcakes or the ABC Collectible list all year long. This issue of the newsletter contains information to help your child have a great second week of school.

Forms

During Meet the Teacher (or on the first day of school), you were given some forms to fill out. If you have not sent back the forms, please return tomorrow in your child's weekly folder. Also, please return the last part of "Ms. Hotaling/Mrs. Mitchell's Parent Handbook." Thanks.

Weekly/Monday Folder

The green (Mrs. Mitchell) or blue (Ms. Hotaling) folder will serve as your child's Monday/weekly folder.

When we send home your child's folder, please remind her/him to return it the next school day since we might need to send it home another day during the week. Unless stated, please keep the work your child has done.

Box Tops for Education

Buy groceries and earn cash for our school---all at no additional cost to you! Clip "Box Tops" from hundreds of participating brands, send them to school, and watch Forestville Road earn money. Look at the "Box Tops for Education" sheet for the list of available products. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> for more information.

Parent Signature Sheet

The parent signature sheet serves as a form of communication and a confirmation that you have seen the contents of your child's folder. When we send home your child's weekly folder, please sign and return the parent signature sheet. Thanks.

Electronic Newsletter

Starting this week, the newsletter will be sent electronically if this is the method you selected. When you receive the newsletter electronically, please click the "reply" and "send" buttons so Mrs. Mitchell will know the email safely reached your mailbox. Thanks.

Earbuds/Headphones

The iPads and the computers are used to enhance math, literacy, science, and social studies instruction. Please make sure your child has "earbuds" or headphones to use when she/he is working on the iPads or the computer. Earbuds are available for \$1 at most Dollar Tree Stores. They are also sold at our school store.

Important Dates

Please refer to the third grade newsletter for dates to mark on your calendars.

Curriculum Connection

Please refer to the third grade newsletter for the curriculum focus.

Transportation

If your child's transportation is going to change, it is important you write a note. **Sending a verbal message by your child is not allowed due to safety concerns.** If we do not have written communication your child will go home a different way, we will send him/her home by his/her usual form of transportation.

Leaving School Early

Last week a lot of children left school early and were unprepared for early dismissal. Some of the children were in lunch, in specials, or on the playground.

If your child is going to leave school before 3:45, please write a note stating the time you are picking up your child. We don't need to know where your child is going--just that she/he is leaving early. If we know ahead of time your child is leaving early, we can have her/him prepared with the necessary materials she/he needs and it will not take a while to pack, receive needed items, and arrive at the office.

Grading Papers

When your child's work goes home, you will notice some of the following marks listed.

- P----Practice: This activity was done together in class or your child practiced the skill for the first time and the assignment wasn't given a grade.
- HW----Homework
- 3----The assignment was graded. The grade is what's written inside the circle.

Reading Log

Your child should read every night. Please remind her/him to fill out the Reading Log by answering the question in a complete sentence. You are asked to sign the entry.

Proofreader's Marks

When we are reading your child's writing, you might see the following corrections.

	capitalize	They fished in lake tahoe.
	make it lowercase	Five \$tudents missed the #us.
	spelling mistake	The day was clowdy and cold.
	add a period	Tomorrow is a holiday.
	delete (remove)	Kim knew the the answer.
	add a word	Six pups were in the litter.
	begin a new paragraph	We had fun. Next we went to

Homework

The marble tablet (or spiral tablet) is used to record homework assignments. Your child should take the tablet home each night and bring back to school the next day. You are asked to sign your name daily (at the bottom) when your child has completed his/her assignments.

Class Website



Our class website is up and running! Find links for students, families, and much more at www.mitchell123abc.com.

Please fill out and return in your child's folder.

Child _____

Parent _____

I have received Hotaling/Mitchell's Extra Edition for the week of September 6th.