**Fridge Notes** Mrs. McBride's Class Family

August 22<sup>nd</sup> - August 26<sup>th</sup>

Fridge Notes will go home with your child each week to inform you of all the happenings in our classroom. Stick it on your fridge for a quick reference of what your child is up to at school!

From now on, Fridge Notes (and the Homework Log) will only be posted on our class blog. Our school is trying to "go green" as much as possible, particularly in terms of paper use. Most parent communication for our class will take place through the blog, which I update frequently. If you are having difficulty viewing the blog or would like paper copies sent home, please let me know and I will be more than happy to help you.

If you haven't already done so, please remember to turn in all paperwork as soon as possible. Your child cannot participate in some of our fun school activities (P.E., Media, Computers, etc.) until those forms are returned. Thank you!

Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winner, Jack!

Important Dates M 8/22; T 8/23; M 8/29; T 8/30 iReady Diagnostic Testing

> Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> Picture Day

Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> Room Parent Orientation

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## Reading/ Language Arts

This week we are kicking off our reading unit on fables! We will discuss the characteristics of this genre and learn how to recount important details from the story in order to determine the central message, or moral. In class, we will be reading several popular fables, including the *Tortoise and the Hare* and *The Ants and the Grasshopper*.

Our phonics skill for this week will be reviewing words with shorts vowels *a* and *i*.

In writing, we will focus on identifying the parts of simples sentences: subject (naming part) and predicate (action part). We will also practice composing complete sentences with correct conventions (capitalization, punctuation, and spelling).

## Math

Our current math unit is all about place value! We began by modeling how we can bundle 10 tens to make I hundred. This shows students how our number system is based in tens and lays an important foundation for the concept of regrouping and. We are also working on reading and writing 3-digit numbers in a variety of ways: standard form, expanded-form, quick drawings, and word form.

## Science & Social Studies

In science, we will discuss what scientists do and how they use their 5 senses to study the world around them.

In Social Studies, we will learn that in this country we have many freedoms. We will talk about why we have rights, being a responsible citizen, the importance and consequences of not having rules and laws. The children will be examining the rules we have at home, school, and in our community. They will come to find out that rules and laws are made to be fair and to keep us safe.

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