



# Tidbits

Odyssey Elementary School  
September 14, 2018



## MRS. DILBECK'S CORNER:

- This week we learned about letters A-E as part of ABC Bootcamp. Monday's letter will be the letter F. Students can bring in one item from home that begins with each letter of the day.
- We began exploring numbers by realizing that you can use smaller numbers to make larger numbers i.e. 2 and 3 are parts of 5.
- We learned that mistakes help our brains grow and that it is okay to not know something YET!
- We are working on learning to collaborate in partners and in small groups.

## MRS. MERZ'S CORNER:

- It was a week all about connection! We spent time sharing and learning about what we have in common and discussing what we need to make our time together a safe space to take risks in our learning.
- 1st and 2nd graders started to build our muscles this week...our reading muscles that is! We started to work on reading stamina by browsing for just right books and settling in for a picture walk and read. Our goal over the next few weeks is to read 5-10 min. independently.
- 2nd and 3rd graders dug into their ideas and started capturing their moments and memories digitally. We are creating a collection of moments that will be published at the end of the year.
- 2nd & 3rd graders will be literally digging into Discovery time the next few weeks as we explore the changes of animals as they adapt to their environments. As part of this opportunity, we will be taking a field trip out to the our school forest, Twin Oaks. The field trip will take place on Tuesday, September 25th. We will be looking for parent volunteers to transport, so please keep this opportunity in mind. A more detailed note will be coming home next week.
- **1st and 2nd grade families, please take a moment each night to look at our daily message. This is a picture captured on your students iPad.** It is meant to start a conversation about an important topic that happened at school that day and often has reminders as well.

## MRS. BRONSTEATTER & MRS. GRESSER'S CORNER:

- Ask Me About:
  - Why is your brain like a muscle?
  - Why are mistakes valuable?
  - What is special about a writer's notebook?
  - What is a reading salad made up of?
  - What was your favorite read aloud this week?
  - What thinking did you post in Canvas? (have your child give you a tour

of canvas and show you their posts in the math discussion).

- Stay Tuned...More information and parent trainings to come regarding Canvas, our Learning Management System!
- We started working on understanding what learning styles are. Students will start to take individual assessments to determine what their primary learning style is: visual, auditory or kinesthetic (touching and moving).
  - Once students learn what their main learning style is, we will teach them some tips to help them learn, and some things the teachers will do to help them learn better, and things they can do when they are working.
  - They will also recognize that many students use different senses for learning different things. Therefore, they will need to listen to all of the learning styles.

#### TIDBITS FOR ALL:

- Just a quick reminder to please complete the “Tell Us a Little Bit More About Your Family” to help us make this a better year for you and your child/ren.
- Backtrack Vocal Ensemble is an acapella group that will be coming to district elementary schools. We will be walking over to Weston Elementary on Wednesday, September 26th to attend an assembly. There will be a more detailed note coming home on this AMAZING opportunity next week.
- Book orders have started coming home. Please know that it is not a requirement that families purchase these books. If you choose to participate in purchasing books through the book order, our school earns points for each dollar spent and we use those points to purchase books to build classroom libraries.

#### UPCOMING DATES:

- Picture Day: Tuesday, September 25th
- 2nd/3rd grade School Forest Field Trip: Tuesday, September 25th (Lv. 10:00)
- Math Family Fun Night, Tuesday, September 25th, 6-7 pm at Rothschild Elem.
- Backtrack Vocal Ensemble: Wednesday, September 26th (Walking Field Trip to Weston Elementary)
- Home Study Day, Friday, September 28th: No School for Odyssey/Idea Students ONLY!
- October 23rd: K-1 School Forest
- October 26th: No School