

Hello parents!

We made it through our first short week! I don't know about your kids, but I am exhausted! How were the first three days of school for your child? I am enjoying getting to know your children as we worked to develop a community these first few days. Next week, we will be slowly incorporating more academics while practicing our classroom expectations and procedures. Here are some of the things we accomplished this week:

- Interviewed and introduced our peers to the class
- Learned about classroom jobs, incentives, and outlined what we want our classroom to look and sound like according to The Rocket Way
- Completed a pre-assessment for our first math unit
- Wrote a short narrative about their summer break
- Created name art and a cool summer tee-shirt to go along with our writing
- Completed our first whole class reading lesson with the picture book, [A Bad Case of Stripes](#)
- Began our read aloud, [A Drop of Hope](#)
- Did A LOT of walking to and from our portable! I need to invest in some better shoes!

I also attached my welcome letter (same as sent through Skyward) and some answers to FAQs. If you have any other questions or concerns, or if you'd like another email address added to this distribution list, please let me know. I am hoping by next week to also send you updates on your child's classwork and homework completion via email. Please also keep your eyes open for weekly (this is my hope!) newsletters via email while I work on setting up my website.

Thank you again for sharing your kiddo with me this year. I can already tell it's going to be a great year with your amazing children!

Have a great weekend,

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