



**CALENDAR:**

January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL		
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day – PM and Full day K only	Early Dismissal	8:30 – 11:30. NO AM Session
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Show What You Know Program	AM Class: 8:30am PM Class: 12:00pm	FULL DAY: 8:30am
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Reading University Log Due to teacher		
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Elementary Grading (AM and Full day K attend only)	Early Dismissal	8:30 – 11:30. NO PM Session
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 3 – Report Cards go home		
February 21-25	Midwinter Break - NO SCHOOL		
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Beginning of Term 4		
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Show What You Know Program	AM Class: 8:30am PM Class: 12:00pm	FULL DAY: 8:30am

**WELCOME BACK!!**

**JANUARY BUILDER OF THE MONTH THEME: “I AM A BUILDER WHEN I WORK DILIGENTLY”**

Doing something diligently means “doing it thoroughly and well. It’s the opposite of doing it in a lazy manner.” As parents and educators, it is critical that we teach the value of hard work. We want our students to understand its importance and that they can accomplish great things if they put their minds to it.

**CARD CHART:**

In kindergarten our goal is to provide a positive, learning experience. One of the ways we are able to work towards this goal is through the implementation of our clip-up chart. While we are using this positive method, grades 1-6 implement what we call the “card chart”. The card chart system is used from K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be introducing the card chart this month and then implementing it in February. The teachers will be introducing the card chart, its meaning, and how it will work.

The card chart provides a reminder of proper behavior during school. On this chart there are 10 rules. In kindergarten we will only be focusing on six of these rules.

If a student has received several verbal reminders but still continues to exhibit the non-desired behavior, the student will be asked to move a card to the number that coordinates with the misbehavior.

Each student has five cards stacked in the following order: Green, yellow, blue, red, and purple. The goal for every student is to stay on green all day. The color that is on top of the student’s stack at the end of each day will be recorded on the back of the learning plan and if applicable, along with the rule infraction number. This will help communicate to parents the behavior of the student for that day.

The following is a list of infractions we will be referring to in kindergarten:

- Tardy ( after transitions to or from groups)
- Recess Infraction
- Missing material, i.e. homework, workbooks, docket, etc.
- Not Following Directions
- Disruptive
- Disrespectful

Along with the card chart, we will still be using the clip-up chart for the remainder of the year.

**SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW PROGRAM:**

Lights, camera, action! Come see our next Show What You Program:

- Ms. Buell’s Class Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30 for AM and 12:00 for PM
- Ms. Saguilan’s Class Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:**

If you are interested in a summary total of your volunteer hours to date, please feel free to email Ms. Miles ([kmiles@apamail.org](mailto:kmiles@apamail.org)). Thank you, parents, for all your hours of service you have put in on behalf of our students and our school. We truly appreciate you!



**REMINDER: CLEANING OUT YOUR STUDENT'S DOCKET:**

Parents, we hope to clear up any confusion concerning your student's docket. The docket contains several colored file folders representing the following subjects.

Plain Manila Folder: TAKE HOME FOLDER

Yellow – Math

Blue – History

Orange – Spelling

Red - Reading

Green - Science

Purple - Language Arts

Gray - Reading University

We have instructed our teachers and instructors to please mark a star on the top of all papers and place them in the "TAKE HOME FOLDER". This will indicate to our parents that these papers have been reviewed and can stay at home. These papers should be taken out of the dockets and keep at home. If the student has homework, these papers will be in the proper labeled folder; i.e. math homework will be in the yellow math folder, etc.

One purpose of the docket is to help American Prep implement a "no loose papers" policy. All papers should be placed in the correct file folder inside the docket. That way, students always have what they need with them in class and at home. Please remove all stickers from the outside of your student's docket. We love that our students are learning the importance of organization and being responsible for their own paperwork and homework.

**KINDERGARTEN CORNER:** (Sayings from our kindergarten students) 😊

Student: "Did you know my brother was sick with the croup cough?"

Teacher: "Oh, I'm sorry. Is he feeling better?"

Student: "He doesn't have his cough anymore but he has another sickness. You can't even touch him with your finger. I can't remember what he has though."

Teacher: "Is he contagious?"

Student: "Oh yeah, he has contagious. That is his new sickness."

Warm Regards,  
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