**SHARING**

 The theme for sharing this week is the outdoors. Children can bring something they found outside or tell us about an adventure they had outside.

 Sharing next week will be Children’s Choice. There isn’t an assigned topic.

**NO SCHOOL**

There won’t be school next Monday, September 2nd due to the Labor Day holiday. I hope you have an enjoyable long weekend!

**THANK YOU**

Wow! Just about every child had a home/school folder on the first day of school last week, and by the end of the week, everyone had one! Most children also did an excellent job of bringing their home/school folder back and forth each day. Thank you!

**SNACK**

 The class will be having a snack at about 10:30 each day. By then most children are hungry, and the snack makes the second half of the morning more productive. I’m asking that parents contribute $5 per quarter per child to help cover this expense. I also use snack money to buy ingredients when we bake in the classroom. Thanks!

**ASSESSMENTS**

 Students will be taking my classroom assessments this week. These are generally very quick, low pressure, and are administered three times each year. They are one way for me to be sure your child is on-track in his or her learning. This round of testing gives me a starting point.

**SCHEDULE**

 We have a tentative schedule for the class, but it is still subject to change. The class will go to P.E. on Monday and Thursday from 1:30 until 2:00. They’ll go to the library from 11:30 until 11:50 on Wednesday. I’m still working music into the schedule. We have art on Friday afternoons. Students have recess at 10:15 in the morning, at 12:30 after lunch, and then again around 2:00 in the afternoon.

**LIBRARY**

 We’ll be going to the library this Wednesday for the first time this year. Kindergarteners and first graders are allowed to check out one book. Students in all other grades are allowed to check out the number of books that matches their grade level. Books can be kept for two weeks. After that, they are considered overdue, and children are not able to check out additional books until the overdue book is returned or paid for. We’ll be going to the library each Wednesday so it would be great if your child had books returned by then.

**BOOK ORDERS**

 The first book orders of the year are attached to this bulletin. If you choose to order and pay by check, please make the check payable to Scholastic rather than to me. This order is due by Friday, September 6th. Ordering is always optional.

 I think the year is off to a great start. Please let me know if your child is having any problems or if you have concerns.