

September 8, 2021

Dear Parents,

After this Friday, September 10, 2021, is our first "Off Track" time. There is no school for your child until October 4, 2021. We had a great first trimester, and I hope we don't forget all we have learned, while we are off track.

You can help your child retain what we have learned by practicing a few things while we are off track. First, make sure that you read to your child EVERY day. When you are reading, stop at the "Kindergarten Sight Words" (see attached) and have them try to read them. Don't let them struggle for more than 5 seconds before reading the word for them. Then have them say the word while you point to it.

I have included another copy of the September Homework Calendar in case you didn't see it last week. On the back you will find a month-long reading log. I would love to see the titles of the books that are being read.

Have your child practice writing their name twice a week. I have sent home 6 copies of the worksheet we have used to trace our names.

If you would like to talk while I am off track, you are welcome to contact me. The easiest and most reliable way of reaching me is by email at <a href="mailto:steve@howekinder.com">steve@howekinder.com</a>. You can call me or text me on my cell phone at 916-799-4497. If I am not available, please leave a message with your phone number and the best time to call, and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Have fun while you are "Off Track"!

Sincerely,

Steven Howe

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