

# CMS Monthly News

# SEPTEMBER

# 2024



To some we say welcome! To others, it is welcome back! Either way, we are so excited to share this new school year with you and your family.

There is so much coming up over the next few months and we will do our best to keep you informed of all the fun! Please take a few moments to review your newsletter each month.

And don't forget to post your calendars and review them often!

The children love to see what is coming up.

Please let the office know if there is anything you may need or if you have any questions.

Enjoy the fall season!

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## All Students New Students Parent Conferences Friday, September 20th

### **School Closed**

All parents of new students are asked to participate in this parent/teacher conference opportunity.

### **STUDENTS ARE NOT TO ATTEND**

Sign-ups will be available on-line starting Monday, September 16th. These 20 minute conferences will be located in the classrooms with your student's head teacher.

This is a time designed to share student progress, set goals for the term, and allow for questions and answers.

An informational e-mail providing sign-up details will be coming soon.

Thanks so Much!!!



## All School Pictures

Tuesday, September 24th (CH/Green)  
Wednesday, September 25th (CH/Blue)  
Tuesday, September 24th (Elementary)

All students will be participating in their class and individual photo session for the year. No student is required to purchase pictures. All pictures will be taken by "Studio K" here at school.

Please dress your student in their "picture" clothes when they come to school. (Hint: White clothes make you look washed out!) Parents are encouraged to send a change of clothes for after the pictures are taken. Order forms for pictures will be sent home over the next few weeks.

**Order Forms Due:  
Friday, October 4th**

## Student Personal Items

Please help the teachers and staff by keeping your student's personal items you send to school to a minimum. Storage is limited and a special request for additional items will be sent home if something comes up. Thanks so much for your assistance and please ask if you have any questions.

## School Drop-Off and Pick Up Procedure

The beginning and end of the day can be a little chaotic and confusing for some, so we like to keep things as consistent as possible. We appreciate your patience.

At drop-off, please enter the school and sign your student in. Clock your student in on the computer provided in the entryway. A personal code will be issued to those on your pick-up list. Please make goodbye's brief and in the entryway. Students should go to their classrooms independently.

At pick-up, please enter the school and clock your student out on the computer provided. Students will be called and meet you in the entry to go home.

State regulations require a signature of the person dropping off and picking up as well.

A staff member will be available at the school office to assist both at drop-off and pick-up. If you have a need to go beyond the entryway, please wait for a staff member to assist you.

Please contact Mrs. Ehlers if you have any questions.

## Automatic Monthly Billing

The school offers automatic monthly billing for tuition and/or care charges to be automatically deducted from the bank account of your choice. Many of our families already enjoy this convenient service. If you have not yet taken advantage of Automatic Billing and would like to, please ask at the office for paperwork. If you have any further questions, please check with Mrs. White.

This service is optional and those signing up in September will begin auto drafts in October!

## Let's Go Paperless!

This year our families have two ways to cut down on the clutter entering their homes! This newsletter is available electronically through the CMS website and families may elect to receive an email notification when the newsletter becomes available. Also families have the option to receive e-statements instead of paper ones. Watch for a survey form to be sent home and sign up for these great services.



## Sunscreen Regulations

Because of the Department of Children, Youth and Family Services regulations, we are required to have paperwork and documentation of sunscreen and its application the same as for any medication.

If you want your child to have sunscreen applied at school, you will need to bring in the sunscreen and a signed medication release form to the school office.



Please note that sunscreen will only be applied after 11 am and in the afternoons, so you will need to sunscreen your child before they arrive at school in the morning. Thanks for your help and support.

## Items Your Student Will Need at School

- . Pants - 2
- . T-Shirts - 2
- . Socks - 2
- . Underwear - 4
  
- . Sweat Shirt or Light Jacket (to keep at school)
- . Hard Sole Slippers/House Shoes
- . Rubber Rain Boots
  
- . Family Photo
- . Emergency Kit
  
- . Water Bottle (bring daily)
- . Lunch [with cold Pack] (bring daily)
  
- . Elementary Only:  
Daily Snack-In Lunch Box

## A Few CMS Reminders

Over the next few months The Capital Montessori School will be involved in the following:

### Sharing Sound Bags

Children's House Students will be provided their own personal "Sound Bag" for sharing in class every Friday. Each week's sound can be found on your monthly class calendar.

### Student Friday Packs

Your student's work will be sent home each Friday in their own "Friday Pack" at pick up in your parent information folder. Please return the pack to be filled again over the next week.

### Student Personal Items

Please do not send anything that has not been requested by the school - Thanks!

### All School Field Trips

Off-site trips will happen monthly. You will be notified about each trip in advance and a parent signature will be required for children to participate.

### Classroom Observations

All Classrooms are closed to observations in the month of September.

### No Gum, Soda, Candy, or Toys

Please do not send any of the items from home mentioned above - Thanks!



## Labor Day

Monday,  
September 2nd

**School Closed**



## CMS School T-Shirts

We will be ordering CMS School T-Shirts this month. We only order shirts once a year, so don't miss this special opportunity to get one for your student. Watch for an order form to go home soon.



# All School Family Picnic

Friday, September 6th  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Tumwater Historical Park

At the beginning of each school year we celebrate by having a family picnic. All our families are invited to come play at the park, eat a delicious meal, and get to know other families.

**School Closes at 4:30 pm**

This allows everyone time to prepare. Please be sure your student is picked up prior to closing time.

If the picnic needs to be canceled due to weather, a staff member will be present at the park between 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm to notify families.



## Items to bring:

For Your Family:  
Table Service and Beverage  
Food to Share

Optional:  
Lawn Chairs  
Blankets  
Lawn Games

**This is a Potluck**

## We Love Our Families

Please bring a framed family Photo to display in the classroom...



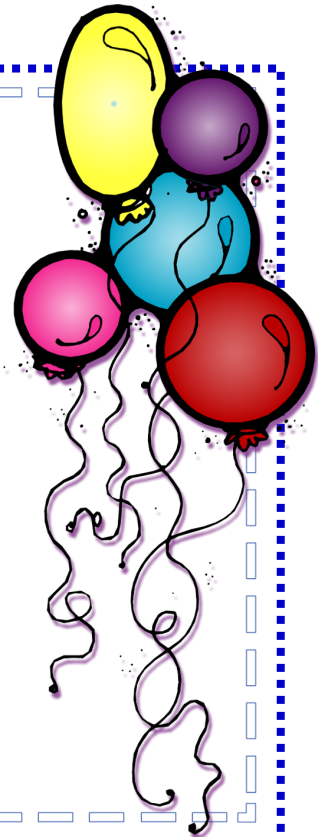
Thanks So Much!!!

**"ONE TEST  
OF THE EDUCATIONAL  
PROCEDURE IS  
THE HAPPINESS OF THE CHILD."**

**- MARIA MONTESSORI**

## September Student Birthdays

13 Otto  
13 Reese  
14 Maddie  
16 Oliver R.  
17 Anaya  
18 Justin  
27 Bianca  
27 Fiona  
28 Aurora



# Introduction to Capital Montessori Staff

Dear CMS Families,

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the amazing team we have working with your students this year! Many of the names you will recognize from last year, and though their specific work assignments may be slightly different, all are ready to go with fun and exciting activities to challenge your student and help them grow this year.

All of our staff members are anxious to see all the smiling faces and are looking forward to an exciting year filled with endless possibilities.

Below I have listed the current classrooms and school staff members. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. We are excited for this new school year and all that it entails.

Sincerely,  
Merissa White  
CMS Director

## Children's House - Green

Mrs. Johnson - Lead Teacher  
Ms. Daniel - Assistant Teacher

## Children's House - Blue

Mrs. Reed - Lead Teacher  
Mr. Reed - Assistant Teacher  
Ms. McKitrick - Assistant Teacher

## Elementary

Mrs. White - Lead Teacher  
Mrs. Noble - Lead Teacher

## Administrative

Mrs. Noble - Owner/Administrator  
Mrs. White - Director  
Mrs. Ehlers - Assistant Director/  
Office Manager



# All School Family Picnic

Friday, September 6, 2024

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**School Closed - 4:30 pm**

On Friday, September 6th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, each student at the Capital Montessori School may invite their family as their very special guests to our annual All School Family Picnic.

Please refer to the following information when making your plans for this event.

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Our upcoming picnic will be a potluck. This is a special event to spend with your family and other families in our school. It will take place at the Tumwater Historical Park and will last approximately two hours; however our families are welcome to stay as long as they wish.

Maps will be available at the school office for anyone who needs them.

**Parents are asked to pick up their student from school before 4:30 pm and transport them to the park for our picnic. **School closes at 4:30 pm.****

**Sorry, there is no child care available after 4:30 pm.**

Families are asked to bring the following:

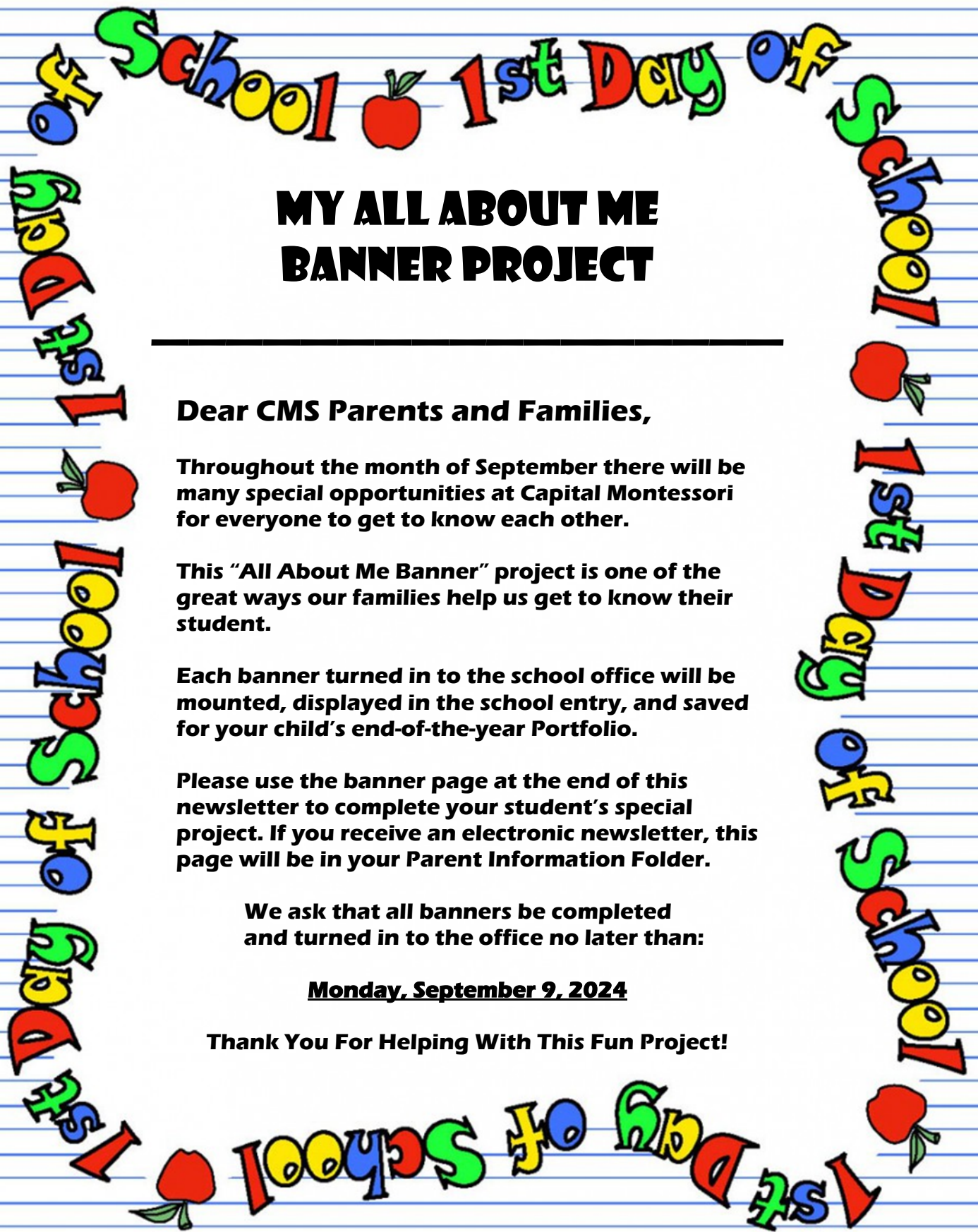
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Food items to share (main dish, side dish, dessert). Also, tableware and beverages for your family.

Outdoor games, lawn chairs, and blankets are always an option but are not required.

**See You There —  
The CMS Staff**





## **MY ALL ABOUT ME BANNER PROJECT**

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**Dear CMS Parents and Families,**

**Throughout the month of September there will be many special opportunities at Capital Montessori for everyone to get to know each other.**

**This "All About Me Banner" project is one of the great ways our families help us get to know their student.**

**Each banner turned in to the school office will be mounted, displayed in the school entry, and saved for your child's end-of-the-year Portfolio.**

**Please use the banner page at the end of this newsletter to complete your student's special project. If you receive an electronic newsletter, this page will be in your Parent Information Folder.**

**We ask that all banners be completed and turned in to the office no later than:**

**Monday, September 9, 2024**

**Thank You For Helping With This Fun Project!**



# My Personal Timeline Project

Dear CMS Parents and Families,

- At the Capital Montessori school we include history and the concept of time as a part of our curriculum. As a way to introduce these concepts in a meaningful and personal way, we have the children create a personal timeline. But we need your help! Please send in a picture of your student for each year of their life. The pictures need to be approximately 3" x 3" and should be of the student only. No siblings or family members in the pictures please! Because the pictures will be trimmed and glued to the timeline, we recommend that you not send original pictures. The timelines will be given to your student in their end-of-the-year packets in June.
- You have the option of dropping off your pictures at school or e-mailing them to Mrs. Ehlers' e-mail address: [christina@capitalmontessorischool.com](mailto:christina@capitalmontessorischool.com)
- Students who have participated in the project in the past have the option to send in last year's timeline and just include this year's picture.
- We ask that all pictures/timelines be turned in to the office in the attached sack no later than:

**Monday, September 30, 2024**

Thank You For Helping With This Fun And Educational Project

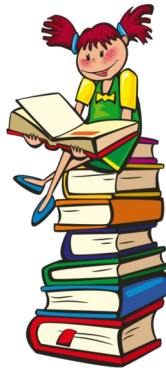




Mrs. White  
and Mrs. Noble's  
Classroom News

September

2024



Welcome back to another great CMS School Year filled with lots of wonderful opportunities!

We hope your summer break had lots of learning fun and exciting events; however it will be nice once again to see old friends and make some new ones.

This year our academic learning will cover a wide variety of topics. Math and Language Arts will be fun-filled adventures.

Our focus for Science and our Geography this month will be the "5 Great Lessons" for Lower EL and Chemistry for Upper EL.

There will be cooking projects, experiments, arts and crafts, and many out-of-class adventures over the coming months. We will have spelling tests, vocabulary enrichment, and lots and lots of ever changing learning opportunities.

Thank you so much for sharing your student with us...

We are ready and excited for an amazing school year!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. White  
Mrs. Noble



This Month's  
Special Events

Labor Day/School Closed

Monday, September 2nd

First Day/Fall Term 2024-2025

Tuesday, September 3rd

I See Red Day

Wear your favorite red items

Photos will be taken

Wednesday, September 4th

All School Family Picnic

Tumwater Historical Park

Friday, September 6th

All About Me Bags and Banners

Projects Due

Monday, September 9th

Apple Day

Please Bring Your Favorite Apple

Wednesday, September 18th

First Day of Autumn

Friday, September 20th

New Student Conferences

**School Closed**

Friday, September 20th

Elementary School Pictures

Tuesday, September 24th

Student Timeline

Projects Due

Monday, September 30th

# Classroom Birthdays

Oliver R. 16  
Justin 18



## Elementary Daily Schedule:

**7:00 am - 8:00 am**  
Before School "Care Time"

**8:00 am - 9:00 am**  
Outside/Inside Care Time

**9:00 am - 9:30 am**  
Morning Transition  
Morning Meetings with Classroom Groups

*Students who wish to bring a Morning Snack from home can have it between 10:00 am and 10:30 am*

**9:30 am - 12:00 n**  
Morning Class Time.  
All Academic Subjects will be covered

**12:00n - 12:30 pm**  
Lunch Time

**12:30 p - 12:45 pm**  
Classroom Chores

**12:45 pm - 1:15 pm**  
Recess

**1:15 pm - 3:00 pm**  
Afternoon Class Time  
All Academic Subjects will be covered

**3:00 pm - 3:30 pm**  
Classroom Chores

**3:30 pm - 5:30 pm**  
After School "Care Time"

Students who want a snack from their leftover lunch will have an opportunity at 4:15 pm.

After School Care Time will be in the Classroom.

## Please Bring the following Items to School...

**Slipper/House Shoes**  
**Lunch Box with Cold Pack**  
**Morning Snack/In Lunch Box**  
**Change of Clothes**  
**Lightweight Jacket**  
**Playground Boots**  
**Student Emergency Kit**  
**Family Photo**

**Thanks!!!**



## Social Studies Classes

One of our amazing enrichment classes will include a year long study into various aspects or branches of the human society.

Social Studies is the integrated study of multiple fields of social science and the humanities, including history, geography, cultures, and the nature of people.

The following are some of the upcoming topics we will cover:

- Communities Around the World
- Citizenship
- Plants and Animals
- Habitats and Homes
- Weather
- Community

## Character Building Classes

In addition to the high level of academic curriculum your student will be involved in, he/she will participate in learning many very important life lessons.

Our Character Building Classes will use games and activities to help your student improve certain, good and useful traits of their character.

Some of the character traits we will be exploring this school year are listed below:

- Self-Reliance
- Endurance
- Courage
- Kindness
- Citizenship
- Respect
- Generosity
- Honesty
- and much, much more...



## In Our Classroom:

**We do friendships.**

**We do sharing & caring.**

**We do I'm sorrys.**

**We do praise.**

**We do celebrations,  
creations and memories.**

**We do dreams.**

**We do laughter.**

**We do our best.**

**We do respect.**

**We do peace and love.**

**We do growing  
and working together.**

**We do listening and learning.**

**We do mistakes.**

**We do imagination.**

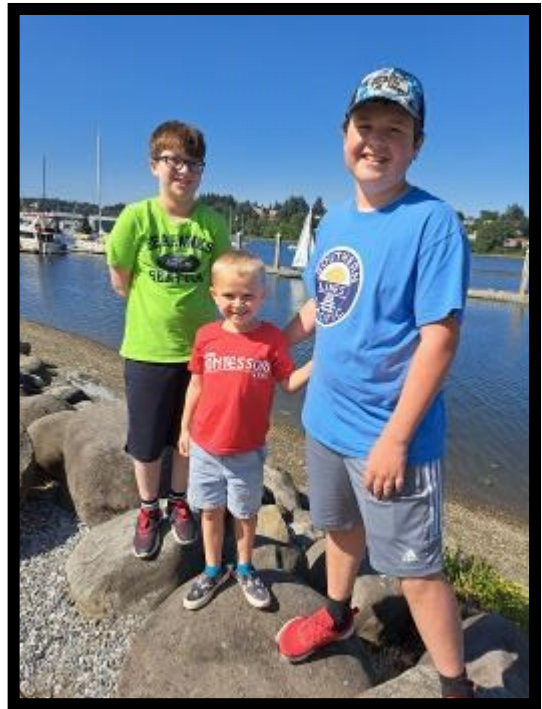
**We do questions**

## We Love Our Families:

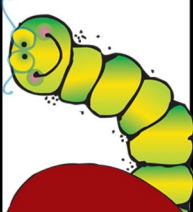
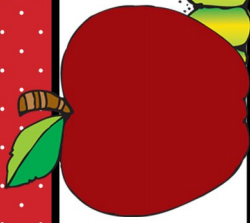
Please bring a framed family photo to display in the classroom...












# September

## 2024 Capital Montessori School Lower Elementary - Mrs. Noble

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Student Assessment Weeks Sept. 3rd - 20th	2 Labor Day <b>School Closed</b>	3  First Day/Fall Term Academics Begin	4 <b>I See Red Day</b>	5 <u>Special Story</u> "A Letter From Your Teacher"	6 <u>All School Picnic</u> Turnwater Historical Park 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm <b>School Closes 4:30 pm</b>	7
8 <u>Thematic Unit</u> Class Routines Back To Basics	9 Turn In "All About Me" Bags and Banners	10 <u>Special Story</u> "Our Class is a Family" Fire Drill	11 <u>Special Project</u> All About Me Dolls Patriot's Day	12 <u>Special Project</u> Friendship Chains	13 <u>Affirmations</u> I Am... Kind A Good Friend	14
15 <u>Thematic Unit</u> Apples Unit Lady Bugs	16 <u>Science</u> The Study Of The Apple	17 <u>History</u> Johnny Applesseed Earthquake Drill	18 <u>Apple Day</u> Bring an Apple	19 <u>Special Cooking</u> Apple pie Making	20 New Student Conferences <b>School Closed</b> First Day of Autumn	21
22 <u>Thematic Unit</u> The World The Continents	23 <u>Special Trip</u> Lacey Timberland Library	24 Individual and Group School Photos (K Studio)	25 <u>Geography</u> Mapping The World	26 <u>Social Studies</u> What is Citizenship?	27 <u>Special Project</u> Memory Book Pages All About Me	28
29 <u>Thematic Unit</u> Friendship Sign Lan-	30 Turn In Student Timeline Pictures	<div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 10px;">           National Library Card Month            Children's Good Manner Month            Classical Music Month            Self Awareness Month         </div>				