UNIT A

Classes will make applesauce next week. If you can, please send in an apple. Your teacher’s newsletter will let you know which day your student’s class will make applesauce.

Our first Munch and Read of the school year will be Friday, September 2 at 2:00 PM. We welcome parents, grandparents and younger siblings who enjoy books to come celebrate reading with us. Please bring a healthy snack and good books to share.

Remember that jackets, water bottles and lunch boxes should be labeled with student’s names.

UNIT B

Sent home book orders in Friday Folders this week. They are due by next Wednesday, August 31.

UNIT C

Each Monday, Unit C teachers distribute to students a weekly “To Do List”. The “To Do List” includes assigned work, reminders (including the specials schedule), and space for students to add assignments or reminders. At the beginning of the school year, students are asked to talk with an adult at home about the “To Do List.” Adults are required to sign the To Do List for several weeks at the beginning of the year. The “To Do List” is a great resource for students (and parents) who are unsure about assignments and Unit C happenings.

SPECIALIST CORNER: MUSIC CLASSES

Students are singing on pitch using hand signs and rounds. We are singing old favorites, some with signing. Unit C is reviewing the “Capital Song”, while Units A and B are reviewing “My Country ‘Tis of Thee.” Music Play, one of our curriculum sources on the smart board, introduces and encourages the mastery of many musical concepts.

We are singing our greetings in English, Spanish and French. The phrases we use are: Good morning, How are you? What’s your name? What day is it today? What is the date? Do you speak Spanish, French? We practice asking the questions and answering them. Many students remember them quite well from last year.

For maximum participation, most of the songs we sing require the students to sing, read the notes or rhythm, or act out the words in some way, sometimes using rhythm instruments.

Our bulletin boards serve as active learning tools to recognize music symbols, terms, important composers and musicians, our singing scale, and recorder notes for Unit C.

Choir for Unit B and Unit C students will start the first week in October. Practices will be on Tuesday mornings at 7:25 a.m. AND at lunch recess on Thursdays. There will be more about signing up for this opportunity in a few weeks.

NOTE FROM THE MEDIA CENTER:

Starting Thursday, September 1 students may choose to spend their morning in the library instead of playing outside. This will be a place where students can read or work on homework quietly.
Welcome back to school! Applications for flag patrol and safety patrol are now available for Unit C students. These are available in the Unit C common area. Completed applications should be turned in by Friday, September 2. Questions? Please contact Maria Cox at mcox@cpsk12.org

New to PTSA? All are welcome at our September meeting on Tuesday, September 6 from 6-7:30 pm in the Media Center. Childcare is provided. Refreshments will be served. Learn all about what your PTSA does for our Ridgeway community and help welcome the new school year.

Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!
Friday, September 2 ~ Munch and Read 2:00-2:40, Unit A parents may join their child!
Monday, September 5 ~ No School Labor Day
Tuesday, September 6 ~ PTSA 6:00-7:30, informational social, refreshments provided
Tuesday, September 13 ~ Chess Club begins! 3:00-4:30 in the Art Room, 3, 4 & 5 graders!
Tuesday, September 13 ~ Unit A Literacy Night, 6:00 - 7:30
Tuesday, September 20 ~ SCHOOL PICTURE DAY
Tuesday, September 20 ~ Back to School Night, Units B & C, 5:30 - 6:30
Monday, September 26 ~ No School, Teacher Collaboration Day

Chess Club 2016 –2017
Open to all 3, 4 and 5 graders!
Begins Tuesday, September 13 –May 2 3:00-4:30, Art Room
Informational flyers which include the sign up form, are going home today. If interested, please complete the form and return to your child’s teacher. Parents are responsible for transportation when Chess Club is dismissed.

Drama Club
I am excited to offer Drama Club again this year to interested students in Units B and C. Please see the handout going home today for more information. The link to sign up can be found at https://goo.gl/forms/MyfHRZ2PYwyq92Ny1
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