

Good afternoon, everyone!

We have had a GREAT start to the year! Thank you for returning all of the paperwork and fees so quickly!

*The fundraiser forms are due September 2.

*Please start visiting the class website occasionally for information. I added the "Our Class" page with some pictures, but I haven't made many other updates since Open House since we are still on those same units, but please browse the site if you have not yet been to it. (You can find it at www.NanceNinjas.com)

In **Math**, we are over halfway through our first Multiplication unit. We are planning a test for this Friday, August 28th. It will cover: multiplying by multiples of 10s & 100s (such as 40×300), multiplying 2-digit by 2-digit (47×85), and multiplying 3-digit by 2-digit (274×91). It will also have word problems that deal with multiplication and with determining if an answer is reasonable (using rounding and estimation).

Our next math unit will be Division.

Also in Math, my classes have been using math rotations three days per week. Mondays and Fridays are set aside for whole-group lessons & activities, time for notebooking, and assessments. This way, every student will go to every station once per week. The stations include the Teacher Table (myself with 4-6 students), Worksheet (time to work in class, due by Friday every week), two hands-on activity stations, and time to work on the computer using math websites. They have done a wonderful job of learning what to do during that time.

When students feel like they still need an extra boost, they are always allowed to come work with me during our Intervention period (10:20-11 M-Th) on whatever skills they want to.

In **Science**, we will start our Sun, Moon, and Stars kit later this week. We have been using science time to get the students started on various computer skills up to this point. The first section of science will focus on day/night and the seasons, shadows, and the movement of the sun.

The **computer skills** we have been working on primarily include Google Drive, but also bookmarking sites, using Google Docs & Google Spreadsheets, sharing documents, signing into our Google Classroom site, and using SumDog. We will continue these skills (and more) throughout the year. They can access their Google Drive account from any computer with internet access. They can also use SumDog from anywhere.

Just so parents/guardians are aware, I will be out of town next Monday and Tuesday and will have a substitute for those days. I will send an email update later in the week.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Within the next few weeks, I'd love for a parent to start coming to help with copies and organizing the folders for the rotations, if any are willing to help with that. Thursday would work best, but of course I'd be happy to work with them on another day if it works better.
2. I *may* start having a parents come in to help the students during the math rotations if any are comfortable working with them directly. (The volunteer application will need to be filled out with EVSC before you can be in the room with students. The link is on our NanceNinjas.com website).

Thanks again for all of your support already this year.

