

# Tzu Chi Elementary Newsletter

September 2018



## A Note from Mrs. Grover

Dear Families,

Happy September. We are officially into the swing of things at school and busier than ever in the classrooms. The student assessments have been completed and instruction is happening to meet each individual's needs. Homework is also going home and expected to be returned per each teacher's expectation. Please help us by discussing assignments with your child at home and reminding them to bring back work on time.

I know the weather is still warm right now so please make sure to send a water bottle and sunscreen for your child each day. As it does begin to cool down, we do encourage a sweater or light jacket. Make sure it is something that is easy for your child to take on and off. ☺

During this time of year, we do begin to notice more allergies and the common cold. It is hard to avoid in the classroom. Please encourage your child to wash their hands often and use Kleenex for runny noses. If your child does become sick and they have a fever, please keep them home until they have been fever free for 24 hours.

Lastly, we will be doing some walking field trips to the library and two bus field trips during the school year. More information will come but we would love to have volunteers join us. Our first bus field trip will be on Thursday, October 25 to Amy's farm! We will leave at 10:00am and be back by 2:00pm. If you would like to join us, save the date!

I am so excited to partner with you this year! Please let me know if you ever need anything!

Mrs. Grover

## Jing Si Aphorism

"It is meaningless to demand other's respect. Only the respect inspired by the goodness of our character is real and true." – Master Chen Yen

## Important Dates

*Please Save to your  
calendar:*

- September 24  
*Tea Ceremony in  
class*
- October 3 *Awards  
Ceremony 8:15am  
AND Coffee w/  
Principal*
- October 5  
*Library Field Trip*
- October 9  
*Picture Day*

Don't forget to check our  
Tzu Chi Facebook page for  
more photos!

# Character Education

## RESPECT

### *Thoughts from Mrs. Cornford*

The best definition I've ever heard for *respect* is one I heard on Sesame Street: "Respect is treating people in a way that makes them feel cared for and important." It is said that, if you want people to respect you, you must respect them. Also, children are more likely to do as we do, rather than as we say.

Therefore, if we want to teach children to be respectful to adults, we need to ask ourselves what we are doing to make them feel cared for and important. I'm sure that each of us can list many important things we are doing to respect the children in our lives. However, there's one area where, in this day and age, I believe most of us need to do better.

We need to be more attentive. Nothing communicates that we are important as much as when someone gives us their full attention. We adults today need to shut down our electronic devices, look our children in the eye, and engage with them. We need to listen to them and play with them with our full attention. We need to show them that we have enough respect for them to make them important. When we do, their respect for us will grow naturally.



Check out our older kids being creative during morning recess!  
September 6, 2018

**“TODAY is a great day to  
learn something NEW!”**