

# 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 two bus field trips this year and encourage parent chaperones! The first one will be October 25 to Amy's Farm. More information will come soon but if you are interested in joining 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:*

- **October 4** Awards Ceremony 8:15am AND Coffee w/ Principal
- **October 16** Picture Day
- **October 25** Field Trip – Amy's Farm
- **October 31** Fall Festival

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

# Character Education

## RESPECT

### *Thoughts from Mrs. Cornford*

(Kindergarten teacher, Monrovia)

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 kids being creative during the PE Class!  
September 6, 2018

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