

September 30th, 2015

Dear Families and Friends,

We are off to a great start here at Roundtown Elementary School! Since the first day of school, we've been very busy assessing skills we had previously mastered as well as any new skills we may have acquired over the summer. We have also set up new programs for the year. We would not have been able to do this without the help of our wonderful PaTTAN consultants!

The first couple weeks of school have been spent learning and practicing the rules and structure of the classroom and of Roundtown. As new things pop up each day, the students are doing super and being flexible! We are so proud! Having 3 kindergarteners and 3 third graders this year has really brought a great variety in instruction. Some friends have started material sorts, while others are doing direct instruction reading and language programs, as well as the Sensible Pencil curriculum!

Continuing this year are our classroom jobs! Each day, a student is assigned to a classroom job at the beginning or end of the day. These help to not only build life skills, but also help us learn some academic content! Right now our classroom jobs include: calendar (to help learn math skills), watering plants (to help learn parts and features of plants), sharpening pencils (to help build hand strength), librarian (to help build literacy skills), and messenger (to help build social skills).

One of the highlights at the beginning of the year here at Roundtown is having students create Hopes & Dreams for the school year. These are then compiled into a list and displayed in the cafeteria all year. Thanks to our wonderful families, we were able to create a hope and dream for each student for this year! What a wonderful collaboration between home and school! Let's keep it up!

We are currently working with our specialists to provide the best treatment for our kiddos! Right now, the speech schedule ~~for Roundtown~~ has set up is: (look for your child's initials)

- Day 1:
 - SD @ 9:10-9:30
 - DM @ 10:30-10:50
 - BM @ 11:00-11:30
- Day 2:
 - SR @ 9:30-10:15
- Day 3:

- SD @ 9:10-9:30
- SR @ 9:30-10:15
- Day 4:
 - SR @ 9:30-10:15
- Day 5:
 - SR @ 9:30-10:15
 - AD/GG/SD @ 12:00-12:30
- Day 6:
 - SR @ 9:30-10:15

Our Occupational Therapist is [REDACTED]. She was with us last year and got married over the summer so she is no longer [REDACTED]. Miss [REDACTED] will be with us on Monday mornings for individual sessions. This year on Fridays, Miss [REDACTED] will be doing a gross motor group with all of the kiddos in the A.S. room. Our first Friday was a great success!

Finally, on September 23rd, our classroom has two honors. Our first honor was participating in a videotaping, which will be used for future training of early learner programs. We felt like stars! Our second honor was having our PaTTAN Autism Initiative site review. During this time, a PaTTAN consultant visited our classroom to collect data on our programs and classroom. This helps to provide us with areas in which PaTTAN can support us throughout the school year. We are so proud to say that Roundtown earned a 100% on our site review! This score puts our classroom at the "distinguished" level! Way to go team!

Finally, please note these upcoming important dates:

- Parent visitation day is October 8th from 10:00am-2:30pm. Come check out our classroom!
- Early dismissal on Friday, October 9th at 12:30.
- No school on Monday, October 12th
- Fall Activity Day is Friday, October 23rd

We would not be able to achieve what we do without all of your support and sending such wonderful children to us each day. Thank you for communicating all that you do and for letting us know about the seemingly "little things" that can make such a big impact. We are a **team!** It is truly a gift to be able to work with these precious children and we cannot wait to continue succeeding throughout the year!

As always, if there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to call, email, or write if we can help with anything!

Sincerely,

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