

September 20, 2013

Dear 1L Families,

Over the past few weeks our classroom community has been coming together nicely! Students are getting used to first grade, learning all about our classroom routines, and have been doing many activities allowing us to get to know each other even better.

One way for us to continue to connect with each other throughout the year is during *share time* at Morning Meeting. As you know, first graders are very eager to share their ideas and tell about the exciting events that happen to them! We have been talking about how share will work in our classroom, and I wanted to go over some key points with you as well.

At Morning Meeting, two students will share each day. Students can do a "talking share" where they tell our community something exciting about their lives, or they can bring something special in to show to the class. **Please know that toys are not allowed to be brought into school for share.** Good share examples are: a picture of someone or someplace special, a medal or trophy, etc. You can help out at home by talking to your child about what he/she plans to share on his/her share day. After a student shares, he/she will take two "questions or comments" from the class.

For our first round of shares, we will follow the schedule found on the back of this letter. Please talk about your child's first share before his/her turn. After this first round of shares, there will be a schedule in our classroom so children will know when they are sharing at Morning Meeting. This will be reviewed in detail and reminders will be given.

I appreciate your help with this very important community building activity, and I'm looking forward to learning something new about your first grader!

Thank you for your support,

Stephanie Littrell

