

News from Room 9 -- Week of Sept. 21 – 25  
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Dear Families,

Hello from Room 8! Everyone continues to settle in to a new year. The first full week went very well, and I would definitely say that everyone is getting “in the swing of things.”

**Assessment:**

We are working our way through all of the beginning of the year assessments in Reading, Math, and Word Study. I hope to complete them this week. These assessments help me to determine your child’s level and learning style and help me select groups and materials that are most appropriate for your child.

**Science:**

We continue to learn about the life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly. I have looked and looked but could not find a caterpillar, which, seems highly unusual. I am in the process of emailing some “experts” to find out what they think, I have found an interesting website you may want to explore at home called [www.journeynorth.org](http://www.journeynorth.org) and then click on Monarchs. You may want to take a peek at it; I plan to use some of it here at school, too.

**Math:**

We have begun the first unit in our “Everyday Math Journals”. This is a review of addition and subtraction, some work with hundreds grids, and some time and money work. I know that you don’t get to see a lot of math work coming home until Parent conferences; let me know if you would like your child to bring home the Math Journal for a night – but I will need it back the next day, as we work in them each day.

**Homework:**

I thought the first week of homework went quite well. Please remember to initial the Parent section of the homework sheet each night. Also, the “Comment” section of the paper is a great place to communicate with me should you feel the need.

**Sum-It-Up goes Green - Some Confusion?:**

You may have noticed a special note about this in the first packet that was sent home to you. **There was a special “tear-off” section for you to fill out if you**

want a paper edition of the Sum-It-up sent in your child's Friday folder. If I do not receive a note from you, I am to assume that you will read this on the Summit website. At this point, I have only received two "paper" requests. Please let me know if you would like the Sum-It-Up in your child's Friday folder. I hate to think that some of you are not receiving this because of a mix-up. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW! Thanks!**

**Book Order:**

Last Friday I sent home a book order in your child's Friday folder. I would like to receive any orders by this Friday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Coming Soon:**

I hope you will all be able to attend our annual "Open House" on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. As always, the first half hour will be a time when your child can walk with you around the school. At 7:00 the children will go into the Gym for entertainment, and I will have the opportunity to talk with you about the programs in second grade. It is always a wonderful evening!

I will close for now. Thank you for all you do to support your child here at school! It is my privilege to work with your child.