

Groveton Elementary  
School

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## Ms. LaCasse's Newsnotes

### WEEK IN REVIEW

What a great first week of school! We kicked off the week by celebrating the arrival of school by taking pictures, representing our Groveton pride by wearing tie-dye t-shirts, and welcoming our staff, students, and parents/guardians back to school! It was a short week, however, we certainly learned a lot. We have been focusing on routines, procedures, and expectations over the last 3 days, which will result in a strong classroom community.

### LANGUAGE ARTS

This week, we worked on learning and remembering our Daily 5 expectations. We went over the three ways to read a book, how to find a "Good Fit" book by using the strategy—I PICK, and we also started building our Read to Self stamina. We started going over our writer's notebooks and how to use those as well. These lessons are building a strong foundation for independence in reading, as well as success in writing. We will continue to build stamina until everyone can maintain for 30 minutes, and we will also learn how to Read to Someone!

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### CELEBRATION STORY

This week, I would like to celebrate a student who has come a long way behaviorally in the past year. A year ago, this student would argue with many of the directions that I gave him. However, on Wednesday when a direction was given, this student just smiled, and did what was asked. I am so proud of the hard work this student has put into monitoring his behavior!

### MATH

This week in math, we worked on learning how to handle our whiteboard/erasers since we will be using these as math tools often this year. We also learned how to handle the place value blocks, and we played a game called “Pica, Ferme, Nada” which was a guess my number game. This game relied on team work and logic for students

to eventually guess the number. The entire class worked together on this, and there was a ton of laughter!

### SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

This week, we started talking about immigration a little, which leads into our first unit in Language Arts regarding basic human rights.

We also learned some social skills, worked on using our manners, and we worked on remembering how to act in a classroom and school setting again.

### DATES AND REMINDERS

- There is no school tomorrow (9/2/16) or Monday (9/5/16). Enjoy the long weekend!
- All papers that need to be signed (registration, Nurse papers, AUP, etc) are due on 9/7/16. These were passed out the first day of school.
- Please remind children to bring a water bottle if they want to for their desks. Children need to keep hydrated throughout the day!