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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ROOM 21 - ROBINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome!

It's been a **BUSY** summer at Robinson as we have all looked forward with great anticipation to September and the opening of school.

Now, we're ready to continue the tradition of excellence begun during Robinson School's first fifteen years.

Maybe you have a skill to share as we build excellence into our program. Please call, drop by, or send me a note. I am looking forward to working with you to make the best year yet!

New classes, new friends, new teachers, new books, new subjects, and new ways of doing things are all part of the annual event known as "The Start of the School Year".

SEPTEMBER: *A New Beginning*

In Room 21, look for Work Folders coming home every Friday; Work Passes earned for good work, monthly calendars to help keep track of assignments, and homework (except on the weekend).

Lots of special events are scheduled for the year including sixth grade camp, a class musical,

expert projects, and class parties.

Please attend 6th Grade Back-to-School Night on September 17, to find out more about what is planned to make this a year to remember.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO:

- **All of the parents and students** who are able to complete able to return the multitude of papers sent home.

REMINDERS:

- **Special Sixth Grade *Back-to-School Night*** on Thursday, September 17 (7 PM in Room 21)

This Week in Room 21...

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: WELCOME!

- **MATH:** Placement Test
- **LANGUAGE ARTS:** assign HLLA 4-5, IR 1-6

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

- **Forms, Paperwork Due**
- **Explain Book Reports, Ancient Civilization Biography**
- **MATH:** Timed Tests
- **LANGUAGE ARTS:** correct IR 1-6; assign HLLA 6, IR 7, VocDev 1
- **SPELLING:** Assign Activity #1
- **VOCABULARY:** Assign Exercises (a-, an-)
- **PE:** With sixth grade classes

SATURDAY, September 12:

Ucla @ **TENNESSEE**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

- **LANGUAGE ARTS:** p 6, IR 7, VocDev 1 due; assign HH 2-4, Analogies 48, Sentence Combining 74
- **MATH:** assign *Math Steps* pp 3-6
- **SCIENCE:** assign p 12
- **1st AID/CPR**
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** assign Study Guide 1.1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

- **LANGUAGE ARTS:** HH 2-4, Analogies 48, Sentence Combining 74 due; assign pp 17-27, PARVL 1-6, Analogies 49, Sentence Combining 75
- **SPELLING:** Activity 1 due
- **MATH:** Math Steps pp 3-6 due; assign Math Steps pp 7-10
- **SCIENCE:** p 12 due; assign SG 11-14
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** Study Guide 1.1 due; assign p 11

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:

- **SPELLING/VOCABULARY:** Exercises (a-, an-) due; **Dictation Test 1.1, a-, an-**
- **LANGUAGE ARTS:** pp 17-27, PARVL 1-6 due; assign pp 28-32, IR 9, VocDev 3
- **MATH:** *Math Steps* pp 7-10 due; assign *Math Steps* pp 11-14
- **1st AID/CPR**
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** p 11 due; assign SG 1.2
- **PE:** with District Specialists

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: **BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT FOR GRADES K and 6**

- **SPELLING/VOCABULARY:** **List Test 1.2, a-, an-**
- **LANGUAGE ARTS:** pp 28-32, IR 9, VocDev 3 due; assign PARVL 7-8
- **MATH:** *Math Steps* pp 11-14 due; assign *Math Steps* pp 15-18
- **SCIENCE:** SG 11-14 due; assign p 19
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** Study Guide 1.2 due; assign p 17
- **COMPUTER LAB**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: (ALL TEXTBOOKS COVERED)

- **MUSIC:** with District Specialists
- **VOCABULARY:** **Quiz: a-, an-**
- **LANGUAGE ARTS:** PARVL 7-8 due; assign pp 33-36, IR 10, PARVL 9-10
- **MATH:** *Math Steps* pp 15-10 due; assign *Math Steps* pp 19-22
- **PE:** with 6th grade classes

SATURDAY, September 19:

KANSAS ST. @ *Ucla*

COMING EVENTS:

- **SEPTEMBER 22:** School Photos
- **SEPTEMBER 28:** Holiday - Fall Recess Day
- **OCTOBER 1:** First through Fifth Grade Back to School Night (Minimum Day)
- **OCTOBER 30:** Ancient Biography Due
- **NOVEMBER 2:** Staff Development Day - No Students
- **NOVEMBER 11:** Holiday - Veterans' Day

- **NOVEMBER 13-20:** Parent-Teacher Conferences (Minimum Days)
- **NOVEMBER 18-20:** Camp Forms and Fees Due
- **NOVEMBER 26-27:** Thanksgiving Holidays
- **NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 2:** Camp Meds Due
- **DECEMBER 7-11:** Sixth Grade Camp
- **DECEMBER 18:** Holiday Party
- **DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 3:** Vacation
- **JANUARY 4:** School Resumes
- **JANUARY 18:** Holiday: Dr. King's Birthday
- **FEBRUARY 1:** Staff Development Day - No Students
- **FEBRUARY 12, 15:** Holidays
- **MARCH 12-19:** OPTIONAL Parent-Teacher Conferences (Minimum Days)
- **APRIL 5-9** Vacation
- **APRIL 28:** Musical - *Annie*
- **MAY 31:** Memorial Day Holiday
- **JUNE 3:** Open House (Minimum Day)
- **JUNE 20:** Room P2 Family Picnic
- **JUNE 21:** Sixth Grade-Faculty Softball, Picnic in the Park
- **JUNE 22:** *Wild Rivers*
- **JUNE 23:** Last Day (Minimum Day)

Sixth Grade in Room 21

In addition to the curriculum required by the State and the Saddleback Valley Unified School District, the students in Room 21 will take part in some very special activities.



Computer Lab

Each week we will have the opportunity to visit Robinson's computer Lab. Group instruction as well as individual time to investigate, create, and produce will be provided. Applications we will use include

- iLife (iPhoto, iMovie, GarageBand, and iDVD)
- iWork (Keynote and Pages)
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Powerpoint)

Annie

This spring our class will have the opportunity to present *Annie, Jr.* as our class musical. Rehearsals will begin this fall, and tryouts will take place before we go to camp. We will work on singing, acting, and choreography during our class fine arts time. Parents and families are invited to attend any of our day-time or evening performances.



Outdoor Science School

In December, our sixth grade students will have the opportunity to participate in the Outdoor Science School Program at Camp High Trails Outdoor Science School.

This will be a new educational experience for your child. The beautiful outdoor setting will provide a different type of classroom — an outdoor laboratory where students learn science concepts on study trails through observation, group discussion, and hands-on experiments and investigations.

Our students will participate at Camp High Trails at Camp Edwards which is near Barton Flats. The facility is located approximately 85 miles from Orange County, in the San Bernardino Mountains. The site has a well-equipped central kitchen and dining hall. Other buildings provide space for crafts, a museum, and evening activities. There are comfortable, heated cabins and living quarters for both staff and students.

In addition, each site has a well-equipped infirmary and a full-time Medic (E.M.T.) to take care of the medical needs of staff and students. In addition to the academic activities, living with classmates on a 24-hour basis will provide opportunities for your child to participate in experiences which build teamwork and a spirit of cooperation. The Outdoor Science School Staff will

help supervise and encourage students as they assume responsibility for personal belongings, behavior, cleanliness, and careful use of equipment.



Web Sites for Biography

The Biography Maker

The Biography Maker is meant to inspire lively story telling and vivid writing which will make your readers want to know more about your subject.

<http://www.bham.wednet.edu/bio/biomaker.htm>

Infoplease Biography

Features biographical profiles and special features about newsworthy people around the world. Searchable by subject or category.

<http://www.infoplease.com/people.html>

A&E Classroom Biography®

Features classroom manuals, activities, videos, lessons and more to aid in the teaching of biographies.

<http://www.aetv.com/class/biography/index.html>

Scholastic.com: Writing Biography

Here you can learn how to research and write a biographical sketch — and along the way, you'll find research and writing strategies from us as well as a warm-up exercise to get you started.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/biograph/>

Biography Center

Biography Center is a huge directory of biographies available on the Web --both listed alphabetically and searchable.

<http://www.biography-center.com/>

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