

☀️ Anansi Family Update-August 23rd

Two Weeks In — Routines, Readiness & a Great Start!

Dear Anansi Families,

Our first two weeks of school have gone **pretty smoothly**, and we are grateful for your partnership! Thank you for getting your kiddos to school, helping them arrive ready to learn, and supporting us as we establish routines. Our school climate is steadily developing in a **positive, welcoming direction**, and it is wonderful to see students settling into their days.

🎒 Ready for School Every Day

A quick backpack check each evening can make mornings easier and help students arrive prepared. Please make sure your child brings:

💧 **Reusable water bottle**

📁 **Homework folder**

🍎 **Healthy snack(s)**

🍽️ **Lunch, if bringing one from home**

👟 **Sneakers whenever possible** — they really are the best footwear for a busy school day!

We also encourage families to **check and clean out backpacks daily**. You never know what might be accumulating in there!

🚗 Please Leave These at Home or in the Car

To help classrooms stay focused and minimize distractions, please save these items for after-school enjoyment:

🥤 **Sodas & energy drinks**

🌶️ **Flaming hot snacks**

🧸 **Fidgets, NeeDoh cubes & toys**

Our school provides appropriate **fidgets and focusing strategies** in classrooms when students need them. If a fidget is part of your child's **IEP accommodations**, please connect directly with your child's classroom teacher by email, phone, or in person so we can make sure the accommodation is supported appropriately.

We are already finding that **NeeDohs and similar toys are creating distractions and disagreements between students**. Some have also been broken open, with the material spread on door handles, floors, and in restrooms. If students bring NeeDohs or other toys to school, they will be collected for safekeeping and **returned at the end of the day to go home**.

📖 Beginning-of-Year Assessments Start This Week

This week, we begin our beginning-of-year assessments. These screenings help us understand where students are starting the year and how we can best support their learning.

 **i-Ready Inform Assessment — Reading**

 **Math screeners — Grades K–4**

 **Reading screeners — Grades K–3**

 **KidSight Vision Screening — August 26**

We will also welcome **KidSight on August 26**. Their visit will help identify students who may have potential vision concerns that could benefit from additional follow-up.

 **Thank You, Families!**

Routines are taking shape, students are learning expectations, and our community is settling into the rhythm of a new school year. **Thank you for all you are doing at home to support your kiddos and their success at school.**

Keep sending them **rested, prepared, hydrated, and ready to learn** — and don't forget those sneakers! 

Have a wonderful week!

Michele