

Dear Parents,

The first week of school has come and gone. We've had fun getting to know one another and the routines here at school, and I'm excited to work with you and your students. Check out a few pictures of the fun [here](#). It was nice meeting you at our open house, and I hope you feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns you may have.

## What's happening in Class

The first week was spent getting to know one another and our classroom procedures and expectations. Our goal is to establish a community environment where the students feel safe, challenged, and valued. We did interviews and introductions, played teambuilding games, and learned a lot about each other. Next week, we'll begin getting into our normal routine. We'll start our math and spelling programs, reading and writing workshops, and begin our exploration of U.S. Government in Social Studies.

## Purple Papers

Tonight your child should be bringing home their first "purple paper". Every Friday, I attach the week's work, school/district information, artwork, and any blue slips to a little half sheet of purple paper. Please go over it with them, and return the SIGNED half sheet. Kids earn a credit for returning it, and it helps ensure that you're aware of what's happening in class.

## Parent Meeting

Please plan on attending a short parent meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 6:30 – 7:15**. We'll go over procedures, expectations, genius hour projects, and answer any questions. For a preview of what we'll be covering, click [here](#)

## Newsletters

You can expect updates to be sent via email every other week. Updates will include

information on what we're doing in class, as well as upcoming events and reminders. Additional classroom specific information may be sent via email and/or using [remind.com](http://remind.com). Future updates may be produced by students.

## Agenda/Activities \$

Many have already sent in \$3 for agenda books, and \$10 for activities. Funds are used to pay for lighthouse supplies, trips to Lansing and Camp Geneva, and other grade level needs. You are welcome to bring it in with you to the parent meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> if you haven't already sent it in. Please let me know if you are unable to donate at this time.

## Reminders

- **Friday, Sept. 16 – Pirate Spirit Day**
- **Tues, Sept 20 – Parent Meeting 6:30 – 7:15**
- **Oct. 6 - Picture Day**
  - If you plan on **volunteering** in any way this year, including going along on trips to Lansing or Camp Geneva, please be sure that you are registered with the online system. Details available [here](#).

As always, if you'd ever like to discuss anything happening here at school, please feel free to contact me. **Quincy Elementary**  
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Sincerely,  
Pete Goers