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Ms. Slater's Class

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FIRST WHOLE WEEK OF SCHOOL!

We have had a busy week and a half getting to know classroom procedures, expectations and each other. I have assessed the students in math, reading, and writing to better understand their strengths and weaknesses. Next week we will be starting our spelling contracts

WE NEED 2 LITER BOTTLES!
NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY-LABOR DAY!
OPEN HOUSE 9/6

A few things to start the school year...

As with the past 5 years, we are using student planners again this year. Many of you are already familiar with them from fourth grade. When used correctly, it is a wonderful way to communicate between home and school and to help keep your child organized. We check these regularly for parent signatures and comments and students have the opportunity to earn money in their checkbook incentive account. Students should be filling it out throughout the day or at then end of the day when we review the day as a whole. They should identify homework with clues such as circling or highlighting. As you check it each night you will see what your child worked on in class that day and anything that is identified as homework for that night. Please encourage your child to use it appropriately. The planners are a valuable asset, when used properly. The cost of the planner is \$3.50. Please make checks payable to Trailside Elementary and send in as soon as possible.

One last cost for the startup of school!

We use a large heavy-duty tie envelope to serve as a home to school folder called the HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR. This year we will be sending home completed and/or graded work every Friday. Your child will be required to review graded work coming home with you and to retrieve your signature accounting for his or her communication with you. This is critical in 2 ways. It

gives you an idea of their grades and it also gives them an opportunity to earn extra credit by correcting some of their work and turning it back in on Monday. In addition, we have a Homework folder that will have all information of classroom expectations. The cost for this item is \$2.25. Please make checks payable to Kristina Slater.