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Dear Families,

 This week marks the end of the third week of school. The first quarter is a short one (only 8 weeks). I have started to input grades into Infinite Campus. Please make sure you are monitoring grades so there are no surprises. Academic Warnings will be posted late next week or early the following week. You should be seeing homework coming home every week. It is no longer for practice. These assignments are graded. Just a reminder that I will keep all student work organized in folders here at school and send it home at the end of each quarter. We reflect on graded work in class so students are having an opportunity to see their work and understand how to improve. If you would like to see your child’s work prior to the end of the quarter or have a question on a particular assignment, please contact me.

**Parents, please be asking to see your child’s weekly folder and reading log each week. These need to be reviewed and signed before being returned to school. I will not accept either of these assignments without a parent signature. Thank you for your support.**

We are still collecting Box Tops for the classroom. Thank you to those families who have already sent these in. I am attaching a paper to this letter which will allow your child to collect these at home. Please tape or glue the box tops to the paper. Once your child has filled the paper with box tops, have them bring it to school. Remember, I will give **5 PAWS for every 10 Box Tops** brought to school. Thank you for your support on this. It is a great way to earn money for the classroom!

In English, for the month of September, we have a focus goal of **writing complete sentences** (not using **because** to start a sentence). Last month, we were focusing on **capitalization and punctuation**. Each month of the school year, there will be a focus or goal to work on. Please try to support this goal at home when you are looking at reading logs or other homework. **It will help your child become a more proficient writer.**

I have spoken to a few parents that are willing to come in and volunteer in our classroom or have shown interest in accompanying our class on potential field trips this year. We would love to have parent help and support in the classroom! **Please let me know if you are interested**. **Volunteers must complete new paperwork every year before attending field trips and working in the classroom!** Check with the office to make sure you are current on your paperwork if you are interested. Thanks!

Dates to Remember:

* Monday, 9/1: Labor Day (no school)
* Monday, 9/8: Parent University- *Helping Your Child with Literacy in Middle School*

I hope everyone has an enjoyable three day weekend! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.