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Weekly Class News

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Highlights:

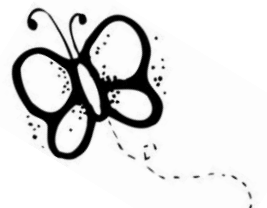
We had a great first few days of school – the kids did great, even with the long day on Thursday and the hot, sticky weather. Fortunately, it looks like we will have cooler weather this week ☺

Every week I will be sending home a newsletter with information on upcoming events, things your child might need to bring to class, and other important things you need to know. Please look for this newsletter either Monday or Tuesday of each week in your child's take home folder. I also post the weekly newsletter on my school web page, which you can access by going to the school's main web page (www.wggators.org), then clicking on the *Five Year Old Kindergarten* link (on the left), and then on my name (on the right).

There are a few important updates on the back of the newsletter today. As always, please let me know if you have any questions!

September

M	Tu	W	Th	F
		1	2	3 No School
6 No School	7	8	9 gym	10
13	14 gym	15	16	17 Conference Day
20	21	22 gym	23	24
28 gym	29	30	1 gym	2



THANK YOU! - Thanks to everyone who already turned in their walking field trip permission form, pick up instructions form and parent questionnaire. This information is really important to me and I enjoyed reading all about your child and what you hope our kindergarten year will be like.

If you haven't returned these forms, please do so as soon as possible. If you need another copy, just let me know!

SPECIAL CLASSES – Now that your child is in full day kindergarten, he or she will be going to art, gym or music every day. We work on a three day rotation so every day we go to a different class.

This means that the kids will have gym every third school day. It is very important that your child has gym shoes on the days we have gym. Students will not be allowed to participate in gym without proper footwear. To help you know which days are gym days, I will put these days on the newsletter calendar, as well as on my web site calendar. If you'd like to send a pair of gym shoes to be kept at school, feel free to do so (though it is not required).

Our next gym day is on Thursday!

RECESS & PLAYGROUND SAFETY - I think that outside play time for the kids is very important and so I try to give them some outside recess time in the morning, in addition to their regular lunch recess. Unless it is raining or extremely cold, the kids go out for recess EVERY day.

In order to keep everyone safe and ensure that everyone enjoys their outside play time, here are a few guidelines for you to follow:

- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. If in doubt, send a jacket along, just in case.
- **FOOTWEAR** – for safety reasons, children wearing flip flops, crocs, open-toed shoes, or dress up shoes are NOT allowed to play on any of the playground equipment. If you want to send a pair of gym shoes to be kept at school for gym and recess, please feel free to do so.
- Toys from home are not allowed to be taken outside at recess. Please leave balls, bats, etc. at home.

