



Cairo American
College

September 4th, 2005

First Grade is the Place to Be!

Back to School Night

It was wonderful to see you all last Wednesday evening at back to school night. I really enjoyed sharing my goals and philosophy with you and meeting some of you, mainly dads, for the first time! If you could not join us last night I encourage you to make a time when you can come so that I can share this information with you. I would also just like to reiterate - please feel free to come and talk to me anytime, or call me, send an email or a note. I truly believe that it is essential for us to work as a team. Finally, I encourage each of you to schedule an informal conference with me before December so that I can share what I am seeing your child doing at school but also so that you can share with me and enable me to know your child better.

Thanks for being a great audience!

Math

We have started a unit on exploring shapes! The focus is on finding relationships among shapes. We will be working with circles, squares, rectangles and some less familiar shapes like hexagons and trapezoids. We will be locating shapes in our environments, creating patterns and investigating combining shapes as well as breaking them into smaller parts. At home you may like to play "I spy a shape". Describe a shape that you see that is part of an object, such as a tile on the wall. Invite your child to guess the object you are talking about.

School Photos

Our class and individual school photos will be taken on Thursday September 8th at 10:40am.

Reminder

Health Forms If you have not yet returned your blue Health form to school this year please do so. The nurses are still missing quite a few and they need the health forms returned before they can treat your child in the health office. Thank you for your assistance.

Ginger

Many of you may have heard from your children about Ginger's sudden illness on Thursday morning. He passed away peacefully on Thursday afternoon. After discussions with the vet and another teacher who has taken care of many guinea pigs we think that some of his food must have had some pesticide on it, causing him to become ill. The children and I spent some time this morning remembering the things that we loved about having Ginger as a part of our class (for the short time that he was with us). Many children are asking if we will get another guinea pig - I would like to wait a little while before we do so.

Dates to Remember

September 5th

Parent Forum - "Are We Overindulging Our Children?" Room 600

September 11th

After school activities begin

September 15th

ERD day - students dismissed at 11:30

September 22nd

ES family Picnic - 6-7pm