

# 4M Newsletter

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## Interactive Read Aloud

**Our study of The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate Dicomillo is fully in place. The students are given new vocabulary words every Monday and will take a quiz, if necessary, on Fridays. Also, the students have required readings each night. The following morning we complete a question based on the assigned reading. Please remind the students to read only the pages assigned. This will help them when answering the next morning's question.**



## Important Dates

**9/17/12 No School**

**9/18/12 Begin using planners.**

**9/19/12 Late Start**

**9/19/12 PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.**

**9/26/12 No School**

**10/5/12 Picture Day**



I would like to thank all of the parents, students, and families for making me feel welcomed here at Doherty!



## Reminders

1. Remember to sign-up to share your career or passion with the students. The information they receive about different opportunities will help them make informed decisions about their futures. Also, if you have a family member that would consider coming in please give them my contact information.
2. All students should have five notebooks, a binder, and five folders.
3. Text 909-963-1110 with the message @e6c for text reminders.
4. Specials are as follows:  
Tuesday ~ Media  
Thursday ~ Music & Art  
Friday ~ Gym  
  
\*There may be an opportunity to have a 30 minute gym break on Mondays.

*There are no extra pieces in the universe. Everyone is here because he or she has a place to fill, and every piece must fit itself into the big jigsaw puzzle. ~Deepak Chopra*

# Homework Policy

## Why I assign homework:

I believe homework is a valuable aid in helping students make the most of the information being taught. Homework reinforces what has been taught in class, prepares students for upcoming lessons, and helps students develop self-discipline, responsibility, and organizational skills.

## When homework will be assigned:

Homework will be assigned Monday-Thursday, and should take students no more than one hour to complete. Some long-term projects may require time on Friday or weekends. Also, students will be required to read at least 30 minutes every day.

## When quizzes or test will be administered:

Quizzes and tests will be given on a Wednesday or Friday. Adequate notice will be provided for all assessments. Once they have been graded, the quiz or test will be sent home for a signature. Please sign and return all quizzes and tests. They will become part of the student's assessment folder. Other forms of assessment will be discussed during Parent Teacher Conferences.

**All homework must be completed and turned in on time. In the event that your child has an excused absence they will be given an alternate due date.**

# Classroom Rules

1. Come to class on time, with all materials, a positive attitude, and ready to learn.
2. Follow directions of adults the first time.
3. Treat others as you would like to be treated and use kind and appropriate language.
4. Raise your hand and wait for permission before speaking or leaving your seat.

As a part of our Constitution Day activities the students will sign our Classroom Rule poster showing that they are in agreement.

