August 5, 2019

Dear Whitmore Families,

Welcome to the new 2019-2020 school year! We are excited to begin our learning adventures together!

We have several new faces who joined the Whitmore family; Ms. Duke – Kindergarten Teacher, Mr. Leyva – 1st Grade Teacher, Ms. Bies – Exceptional Education Teacher, Mr. Malley – Exceptional Education Teacher, Mr. Ingram – Monitor and PE Teacher, Ms. Vargas – Teacher Assistant, Gilbert Garcia – Evening Custodian, and Joe Colacicco – Counselor. Please give them a warm Whitmore welcome!

Our new Language Arts program this year is Benchmark Advance. We are still using the Engage NY math program, so little has changed in that area of instruction. Both programs are research based and follow Arizona’s common core curriculum.

Due to our tax credit donations, we are happy to announce that Whitmore will have an OMA Teacher for Kinder and First grades and a P. E. Teacher. Thank you so much for your tax credit donations which provide enrichment opportunities for our students.

Please plan on attending our Open House, August 20th, from 6:00-7:00pm to learn more about the exciting things going on at Whitmore. Come meet the PTA and new staff, and spend some time getting to know your child’s teacher. And we are having a welcome back parent breakfast August 23rd prior to Friday Courtyard Announcements.

We request that you ask your child what they learned, what made them smile, and what they like best about school. Check their backpacks for school papers and classwork. Show them that school is important by setting a homework time and space to work every day. Read with your child for at least 20 minutes a day. All of these little things add up and help with the home-school connection, which puts our students on the path to success!

Thank you for being involved in your child’s education. We appreciate all you do! Your time and investment will have a huge, positive impact.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Figueroa, Principal
Whitmore Elementary School