



**The Nakagawara Express**

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Grade 1

Canaan Elementary School

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Each month I will send out a newsletter like this one. Please read it carefully for upcoming school events!

**Literacy** – We are learning how to work independently during literacy block using the Daily 5 system.

Students will eventually be able to choose between 5 centers – independent reading, buddy reading, word work, writing, and listening. During this time, I will be able to meet with small groups or conference with individuals doing important work on reading strategies. First grade is a big year in literacy!

**Math** – We will begin the year with review. We will start with graphing, patterns, and beginning math number skills. First grade is also a big year for important math skill development!

**Science/Social Studies** – Mrs. Chiasson will be in to discuss our primary behavior program. Students will also be working on developing Classroom rules.

**\*Donations Needed – \*Please\***

Supplies for our writing center – envelopes, old cards, note paper, stickers, etc. (on going)

We are desperate need of handheld tape players or walkmans for our listening centers. As you can imagine these do not last long when used daily by 6 year olds. If you have one kicking around the house that you could donate to our classroom it would be much appreciated.

**Specials –**

Monday – Library

Tuesday – Art

Wednesday – Music

Thursday – P.E.

**Upcoming events-**

Sept. 2 – Open House 6-7 pm

Sept. 2 – Sept. 10 – Book Fair

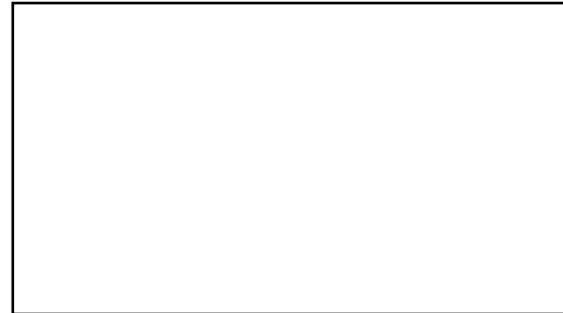
Sept. 10 – Grandparent’s Day

Sept. 17 – Field Trip to see Snow White at Lakewood

Sept. 29 – No School/Teacher Workshop

The best way to communicate with me is through

email: [enakagawara@msad54.org](mailto:enakagawara@msad54.org) Please email me so I



\*Listens and follows directions. Pays attention during lessons. Tries hard to learn. Does their best!

1 2 3 4 5  
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\*Returns homework folder, library books, and finishes Class work on time.

1 2 3 4 5  
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\*Gets along well with others.

1 2 3 4 5  
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KEY: 1 = Outstanding

2 = Very Good

3 = Satisfactory

4 = Needs Improvement

5 = Poor; unacceptable

Comments:

Please send me your email address ☺. Thanks!

Starting next month, I will fill in the behavior survey for your child.

Can have your email address for future communication.

You can also reach me at school. The phone number is 474 – 3901.