Dear Parents,

Welcome to our classroom! This will be a year filled with many new experiences and learning for your child.

We have just begun our Daily 5 and Literacy CAFE adventure.

Daily 5 is the structure we use to plan our morning. Children will be busy completing meaningful literacy tasks:

* Read to self
* Work on writing
* Word Work
* Listen to reading
* Read to Someone

While the students are engaged in their literacy choices, I will be teaching small groups and individuals, so everyone can get the just-in-time instruction they need to reach their potential.

CAFE is what we study during the Daily 5 time. CAFE is an acronym for the four major components of reading:

* C for Comprehension
* A for Accuracy
* F for Fluency
* E for Expanding Vocabulary

Your child will learn reading strategies within each category. These strategies will become tools that help them become better readers and writers. I will keep you informed through weekly newsletters of the new strategies that are introduced to the whole class. You'll be updated about your child's individual strategies through Parent Pipelines. Both of these communications will help you reinforce concepts when you read with your child at home.

Thank you for partnering with me. It is going to be a great year.

Deanna Moniz