Hello everyone,

- I hope all of you are having a nice weekend. It is hard to believe this is the last weekend in Summer
- The children did awesome again this week. All of them did a fantastic job sharing their bags. It was terrific getting to know them a little better of I hope you saw the pictures on Class Dojo of why the children are Superstars:) They understood the groups and moved around the room pretty well. Just to remind you, the groups do change each week. This really allows the students to get to know everyone in the class.
- Speaking of getting to know everyone, this week is Friendship Week. All the activities, crafts, songs, etc... will revolve around being a good friend. I have what is called, Friendship Partners. The students will be paired up with another student in the room. The friendship partners will change each day. I do try and match up students with other students they do not seem to know. I love watching the friendships grow and blossom:)
- We completed a project called "Meet Me". It introduces everyone to the "Class of 2035". A picture was taken of each child, they colored an outfit and answered questions. It is really cute. I believe it is something to be kept forever:) I will share it on Class Dojo.

- I will be sending home the Scholastic Book order form on Monday, with the information you need if you would like to order.
- Our September Helper begins Monday. Please take a look and make sure that your son/daughter will be able to be a helper on the day they are scheduled. Each child will be a helper at least 5 times this year. The children LOVE it. To help you remember, I will send a box home the day before. Please have your child fill it with 5 things, of their choice, and bring it back into class the next day. I do helper lists, one month at a time. Many times, things come up and days have to be rescheduled. You DO NOT need to send in a snack. UPK provides it for all children. Please remember that you are more than welcome to send in a special snack to celebrate your child's birthday when it is celebrated in school. The student's birthday will be celebrated when their name is bolded and underlined with a * next to it on the calendar.

We will be beginning Gym and library on Friday this week. Please have the students wear sneakers on Friday. They will be able to bring home a library book too. Please return the book the following Friday. Thank you. There are a few of you that I need to have sign a note saying that you are ok with your child going into the Gym with a Cross hanging in it. This needs to be signed because we are an NYS-funded program. I will try to have you sign it during drop-off or pick up.

Thank you so much for sharing your children. I am really excited about watching the Friendship develop this week \bigcirc

Take care,

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 17th - Gym/Library starts October 3rd - RNS Stroll

October 11th - Columbus Day- No School