



# Ms. Bove's Brainiacs

## Academics:

**Reading:** Next week in reading, we will finish the Beginning of the Year (BOY) mClass assessments. The students are being tested on their comprehension and fluency so that I can pinpoint their reading level and plan appropriate instruction for them. On Tuesday, we will also take the BOG to gauge their comprehension on an EOG, multiple choice type of assessment. After that we will be back to our normal schedule and back into the reading and writing curriculum. The students will begin reading about how children in different countries have a much more difficult time accessing books and schooling than we do here in America.

**Math:** In math, we have begun our addition and subtraction unit. This year, we will focus on using the regrouping algorithm to learn a quicker way to add and subtract. Very importantly, we will make sure to teach *why* the algorithm works and how regrouping is simply grouping ones to make tens, tens to make hundreds, etc. This basic understanding of the algorithm is very important. Please help to remind your child to try the regrouping strategy on their homework instead of the drawing pictures, adding decomposed numbers, etc.

## General Information:

- Field trip permission forms are due back by Tuesday, September 11th. If you have not done so, please return the form as soon as possible. The \$31 payment covers all three of our field trips this year. You can pay by cash (exact - we are unable to make change), check (payable to LES), or online. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance with the payment.
- The agendas/planners that our students use were purchased in advance by the school. We are asking parents to send in \$3.00 to cover the cost of the planner. If you write a check, please make it payable to LES. It would be great if we could collect all of the money by Tuesday, September 11th.
- Next week, we will be finishing the mClass BOY assessments to gauge your child's reading level. On Tuesday, third graders will also be taking part in the BOG reading test. Please make sure your child is at school on time and well rested so that they can do the best they can on this assessment. Thanks!
- We hope you can join us for the PTA General Assembly Meeting and the Open House event next Thursday, September 13 from 5:30-7:30.

## PTA News:

- The Go Play Save fundraiser is about to end! Please remember to return the books or payments by this Monday, September 10th! So far our class has only returned a few books/orders.
- There will be a PTA General Assembly meeting starting at 5:30 on Thursday, August 13th, immediately before the Open House.
- Parents needed! Find a brief room parent description on our homepage, [lespta.com](http://lespta.com). To volunteer, please contact your teacher.
- The PTA is seeking a membership chairperson. For more info, please contact Wendie Hill at [president@lespta.com](mailto:president@lespta.com).
- Join the PTA online at <https://les.memberhub.store>.

## Upcoming Events:

- **Sept. 4-11:** mClass Testing
- **Sept. 7:** PTA Back To School Picnic, 5-8pm
- **Sept. 11:** Third Grade BOG
- **Sept. 13:** Open House, 5:30-7:30
- **Sept. 19:** Yom Kippur Holiday, No School
- **Sept. 28:** Early Release Day, Dismissal @ 1:15

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## Next Week's

### Specials:

Monday: Art  
Tuesday: Health & Fitness  
Wednesday: Music  
Thursday: Logic  
Friday: P.E.

## Classroom Wish List: