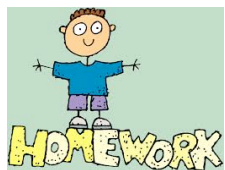


# AUGUST NEWSLETTER from DeLyon's DEN

Welcome back to school! I really look forward to this year. Our main focus of third grade instruction is reading and math, however we happily learn about science, social studies, art, music, health, p.e. and technology. I trust that we have your support in helping your child to be successful in all of these areas.

## **Suggestions that contribute to a productive school day:**

- read together nightly and maintain an early bedtime routine
- praise your child often; a positive attitude encourages growth
- look for positive solutions to situations
- eat a healthy breakfast before school and bring a healthy midmorning snack to school daily



We will only be having READING HOMEWORK this year! That means your child is asked to complete 20 minutes of reading each night and YOU only need to sign the reading log in the maroon folder. Of course, you can still engage in fun family learning activities like practicing math facts, playing games and puzzles together.

**INTERNET LEARNING:** We use KidBiz 3000 and IXL in class. Your child has home access and can practice reading and math skills with these programs at home. To access accounts (and even more great programs), go to: <http://haikuschool.org/academics/computer-lab>. Extra practice in these programs will greatly help your child improve their skills. If you are looking for "more homework", these activities can also be completed at home. It will also help you to know the level that your child is working at, understand questioning strategies, and give insight to the kind of instruction and activities your child is experiencing in school.

**COMMUNICATION:** Please be actively involved in your child's education and come and speak with me at any time, or send me a note to set up a conference. I welcome working with you and your child.

**STUDENT TEACHER:** Each year, I train a student teacher. This year, we are fortunate to have Mrs. Miriam Clarke. She will be with us for 10 weeks, and then taking over Mrs. Plumley's kindergarten class. (maternity leave) It will be a treasure to have her skills & interests enhance our class. She brings enthusiasm for learning along with her training in STEM, Remedial Reading & Math instruction, and much more. She will be a great asset!

**BOOK CLUBS:** As soon as we get the "back to school" order forms, I will send them home. If ordering: please send the completed order form to school with a check made out to SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS (not Haiku School) or if you want to order on line, <http://clubs.scholastic.com>, CLASS CODE: HXN8R.

**PARENT HELPERS:** If you are able to help with a special project, or weekly computer keyboard cleaning (approx. 20 mins), please send in a note stating your availability, phone # & email address & I will contact you.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** DAILY GOAL 95%. Please send your child to school on time everyday (unless ill). Please use school breaks for family vacations. If we make this goal, we get invited to a fun 'Atten-DANCE!'

**WATER:** The PTA is not purchasing water for the classrooms this year. Please send in a water bottle for your child each day. If needed, refills at the faucet. We have a filter at the faucet.

I look forward to a **great** year with your child!  
Aloha, Mrs. DeLyon