## KICK OFF DAY IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>!!!!

The Lego Lab is up and ready!!! Susan and I have spent lots of time reorganizing and regrouping Legos, so PLEASE first and foremost... do NOT allow the students to mix kits. It is so important to put things back in their kit or the lessons will get messed up and... ALL ITEMS MUST STAY IN THE LEGO LAB!! Please do NOT borrow any items. So, that being said... let me give you a breakdown of things!!

**Location** – Right next to the Professional Library (OT/PT room), so please only utilize the Lego items, and not items that belong to OT/PT

**Days of operation** – A new lesson will go out every Friday via email (except the first Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> we will keep the same lesson for 2 weeks) and the lesson will be available from Friday to Wednesday of the following week. Lego Lab is CLOSED on Thursdays to accommodate OT/PT. The lesson will be in the lab up by the front in a tub. This will be the lesson for the week and have all the materials you will need to implement the lesson.

**Scheduling** – the calendar is right outside the door on the wall. Please book 45 minute intervals based on the following times and we ask that you only book 2 weeks out to give others the opportunity to utilize the lab as well:

830-9:159:15-10:0010:00-10:4510:45-11:3011:30-12:1512:15-1:001:00-1:45

The lessons are designed for approximately 30 minutes, so this should leave plenty of clean up time before the next group comes to the Lego Lab.

**Free Build** – If you want to come in and allow the kids to free build... there is a section in the back for free build. Blocks should be placed back in that area when done

**Rules** – there are a list of rules that we ask that you go over with the students when visiting the lab. We want the lab to stay fully functional and work rather independently, but we ALL must work together to make this happen. The rules are on a display board in the room.

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**Goal statement** – the generic goal statement for the Lego Lab is... I will work together cooperatively with a group to solve a problem by building items out of Legos. The goal will be posted at the front of the classroom for you to discuss with your students.

**Build to Express Kits** – there are kits available for a quick lesson that you can have the kids build something on command. These kits are on the counters as well. This is a quick mini lesson that kids love and there are 18 kits, so just about enough for each student to have his/her own kit while building (those that have 19 students... sorry, they will have to share)

**Magazines** – there are magazines available for the first classes that sign up. They are on the counter and these will be for the students to have and take home. There is a limited supply, so this is s first come first serve basis.

**Color sheets** – you will find some color sheets for the students as well. They can color their Lego Man and you can display outside your classrooms, if you wish.

Not sure how to implement and use the Lego Lab – BJ has added a video to the Z drive in the Lego Lab folder. You may watch the video to help you OR if you get with me, I will come and do a lesson with you so that you can then see how to do it. I am "limited" on my time slots, so you will have to email me and I will come up with a good time for the both of us.

**Floor space** – the Legos will be placed on the floor and inside of a hula hoop. We ask that the first person that uses for the day just puts them in the hula hoop and then the last time slot person will have their students' place them back inside the containers. We want to cut down on the noise, so by leaving the Legos out during the day will help to alleviate some of the loud dumping sounds.

Susan Julio and I are here to help in any way that we can to help make this Lego Lab user friendly! Please let us know how we might be able to help!!

Thanks, Jess & Susan 🙂