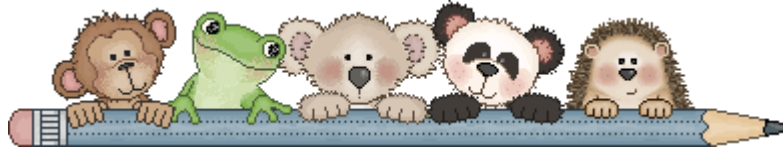






# First Grade Newsletter

August 18, 2016



## Fantastic First Grade Reminders:

-  Students are required to wear tennis shoes on Monday and Wednesday for PE.
-  Students should bring a jacket our classroom is often chilly!
-  Scholastic Books may be ordered online- You will find the link under the Parents Link

-  **Spelling:** Spelling Pretest Will Be On Monday  
Spelling Test On Friday  
We will begin spelling on September 6<sup>th</sup>

-  **Social Studies:** Time For School-Citizenship  
Classroom Community Building Activities  
Mayzie Mail

-  **enVision Math:** Topic 1 Understanding Addition

### In This Chapter We Will...

Students will represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.

Students will understand and apply properties of operations and the relationship between addition and subtraction.

Students will work with addition and subtraction equations.

**Vocabulary:** count back, less, group, sort, shape, same, different, fewer, more, pattern, combine, compare, add on to, addends, equals, plus, addition sentence, order

-  **Writing:** Sentence Fluency


Alphabet Letter and Numeral Practice in our Handwriting Books

At home when students are writing please encourage the correct pencil grip and formation of letters and numbers. With continued practice students will master and develop the fine motor skills required to write legibly.

In class we are working on: Writing letters correctly and writing complete sentences

**Students are learning to ask themselves questions when writing:**

1. Did I spell the words correctly? What resources could I use for help?
2. Did I begin the sentence with a capital letter?
3. Were all the proper nouns capitalized?
4. Are my letters spaced correctly? Are they legible?
5. Did I use correct punctuation in my writing?
6. Do my words make sense to others reading the sentence?

 **Handwriting:** We are using the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Method to help students to become more effective communicators. Zaner-Bloser provides consistent instruction in an ongoing manner. Research indicates this has proven to be an important component for overall literacy development. Students are developing effective communication skills with developmentally appropriate handwriting instruction, which has proven to lead to stronger literacy skills. Zaner-Bloser Handwriting ©2012


 **Communication Arts: Reading**

Selecting Books for Book Boxes

Students will be working in cooperative groups to explore books with a common theme. Each Week groups practice a variety of skills and read books on their appropriate instructional level.

 **Self-Guided Reading: Book Club Books**

The books each week all have one common theme with a variety of Lexiles. Children are allowed to select their book for book club based upon interest. There are differentiated lessons to complete after reading their selected book.

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