

First Grade Newsletter




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Fantastic First Grade Reminders:


Thank you for a terrific school year. I have loved working with each of you and your student. Please keep reading over the summer. I look forward to seeing everyone Friday at the Jones YMCA 8:00-10:00 AM for our end of year party!

☺ Dr. Hammerschmidt

 Students are required to wear tennis shoes on Monday and Wednesday for PE.

 Students may want to bring a jacket our room is often chilly!

 Scholastic Books may be ordered online- You will find the link under the Parents Links on our class website

 Reading Over The Summer: Students who chart and read 100 books over the summer, when we return to school in August if you will bring the list for me to see you may order a scholastic book of your choice online from the August Book_Order ☺

 Spelling: No Spelling

 **Sharing:** No Sharing

 **Social Studies:** Playground Manners
Classroom Community Building Activities

Time For School-Citizenship
Mayzie Mail

 **enVision Math:** End of Year Assessments

☺ Moby Math is a great place to study, reinforce, and practice math skills
If I need to reset the levels of assignments please let me know
Students may use Moby Math all summer to practice a variety of skills
Please email me if I need to update or make any changes between now and August


 **Writing:** Sentence Fluency Writing a Complete Sentence,
Poetry

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 and turning those sentences into paragraphs.

 **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**

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.

LAD Fair Awards for First Grade Class 2017



Congratulations to Cullen Burch for placing 3rd in the regional Spelling Bee at Willard on April 29th

Category	Student or Title	Place	Grade
Autobiography	Olyvia Beach	1	1
	Leighton Heinlein	2	1
Book Report	Keito Meadows	1	1
	Adam Abdalla	2	1
	Cullen Burch	3	1
Description of Mood	Katie Palmer	1	1
Letters	Taaha Khan	1	1
Essay with Original Photos	Zain Rehman	1	1
	Adam Abdalla	2	1
Journal/Diary Personal	Cullen Burch	1	1
	Olyvia Beach	2	1
Personal Experience Narrative	Keito Meadows	1	1
Short Story	Cullen Burch	2	1
Original Prose Anthology by small group	Winter Is...	H.M.	1

	Lauren Sly, Brynlee Burnett, Leighton Heinlein, Thomas Gilmore, Dhruvi Bandaru, Ally Fowler, Kalen Hetzler, Ollie Insley, Henry Severson, Kai Gabriel, Luke Replogle, Lanie Deng, Morgan Green, Ilyaan Khan, Dylan Lee, Jack Lindsey, Cameron McQueary, Ben Rosen, William Wyas		
Original Prose Anthology by a class	Winter Holiday	2	1
Haiku	Leighton Heinlein	H.M.	1
Short Free Verse Poem	Keito Meadows	1	1
	Cullen Burch	2	1
	Katie Palmer	3	1
	Thomas Gilmore	H.M.	1
Short Narrative Poetry	Zain Rehman	1	1
1-12 Individual or Group Writing Rocks	First Grade Class GLS	1	1
1-12 Promote Writing	First Grade Class GLS	1	1

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