







First Grade Newsletter

September 6, 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
-  Remember School Pictures [September 9, 2016](#)
-  Student of the Week: [Brynlee](#)

 **Spelling:** Spelling Pretest Will Be On Tuesday This Week [Word Family -ig](#)
Spelling Test On Friday

If the student makes 100% on the pretest then they are allowed to select their own list of words for the week

 **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: Numbers and Letters

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

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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