

First Grade News

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2nd Grade

Our last day of school is June 4th. This has been a wonderful year. I wanted to let you know that I am very grateful to have had your children in class this year. Seeing them grow from the first day of school until now was amazing to watch. I am so proud of their progress and what they have learned. Thank you for your support in helping your children become wonderful readers, writers and mathematicians. Don't forget to practice your reading and math and enjoy your super summer.

Word Wall Words:

Our work with these words is complete. Testing in this area of Reading has begun. You will be receiving the complete list and your child's grade. The highlighted words are the ones your child needs to work with. Please continue practicing them throughout the summer. In order to do this, have your child read them regularly. This can be easily done when children read books every day. At this moment, I feel that all of the students in 1-1 are readers, and that makes me very proud. Thank you very much for your help and support.



Spelling: vowel diagraph igh

sigh high sight fight light right bright flight night
tight fright might

Bonus Word: flashlight

Sentence: The sun shines bright in the summer.

Note: Our final spelling test was last week.

However, I am sending home our last list of words so that children can practice at home.

Homework for the summer:

❖ No more homework -

We've worked very hard and now it's time to take a break. The last 4 entries on the writing calendar are voluntary, your child does not have to do them.

❖ Don't forget to Read, Read, Read!

Don't stop reading this summer. The best thing your child can do is to read daily. It doesn't have to be long, just 15-20 minutes every day will make a big difference. Just before bedtime is a good time to read. This way they calm down and it makes for quiet time.



❖ Write every day.

Write about what you have read or what you have done during the day. Just 5 little sentences will do the trick. This is called summarizing, and it is a very important skill your child will use throughout his/her school life.



❖ Math: do 2-4 problems each day and

Review the skills we learned this year, specifically: adding, subtracting, working with graphs, place value, and shapes. I also suggest reviewing time to the hour and the half hour. The website www.educationcreations.com has some great activities you can print. You have to pay a fee, but it's really, really worth it!



What's happening in 1-1:

Well, it might be the end of the school year, but we've still got work to do.

We will be reading the stories Daniel's Dinosaur and Fish Faces this week.

We are reviewing what we've learned in Math this year, and...

We are writing about what we've done in first grade.

In no other grade will your child learn so many skills during the year. First grade is hard, but we made it!!!! Hurray!!!!!!

• Water Spout Field Trip

A big thank you to all 1-1 parents/adults who made our Field Trip to the Water Spout a great one. The children had a lot of fun and it was a fantastic end of the year for all First Grade groups! Again, thanks!

PCSing: If your family is “PCSing” this summer, please contact the office to request a copy of your child’s records. Keep in mind that the whole process requires an advanced notice of 2 weeks. Thank you!!!

Important Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day - No school

Thursday, June 4th - Last day for students



Math Matters!

The teaching and learning of Math concepts has changed a lot since most of us went to school. In fact, some of you may be baffled as to what your child is learning in Math and even more so about what s/he is expected to do.

This year the children have been working on different Math units:

- Graphs and data collecting
- Counting, Composing and Decomposing Numbers (understanding what a number is, what the symbol represents, different ways of showing a number)
- Adding and subtracting strategies
- Patterns, flat shapes and 3-dimensional shapes
- Place Value (ones, tens, hundreds)
- Fractions
- Time
- Measurement using non-standard units (paper clips, etc.) , inches and centimeters
- Probability

It is A LOT to learn and they are NOT expected to master all of the concepts taught. All of these concepts have been introduced and will continue to be worked on and reviewed as they progress in grade school.

The following is what our school system has determined is ESSENTIAL TO KNOW:

- Understand concept of place value
- Decompose and compose whole numbers
- Understand meaning of addition/subtraction of whole numbers
- Recognize, extend and create patterns
- Know attributes/parts of 2 and 3 dimensional shapes
- Use standard units of measurement (inches, feet, centimeters)
- Collect and analyze data

We have been working on and reviewing these essentials to know and will continue to do so. If you wish to review during the summer, this is what you should review.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask, that’s what I’m here for.

Thanks for all your support!

