



Grade 1 Newsletter



Check out the latest News!

Students should arrive by 7:25. Students are required to complete one sheet of homework each night independently and return their folders to school on Thursdays.

ENGLISH

We will continue to focus on the sounds of words. The beginning (initial), middle, end sounds of words, as well as the short and long vowels.

Students still need work on the following:

- Writing Letters correctly
- Writing their names correctly
- Names should begin with a capital letter!**
- Forming a sentence correctly
 - beginning with a capital letter
 - correct spacing (keeping letters together to form words)
 - using a period or full stop at the end of a sentence

Phonics Test: 1 Purple & Blue - Nov. 17
1 Red, Orange, Green - Nov. 18
 (Study Guide & Review Sheets will be sent home)

SPELLING

We would like to stress that spelling is **not** about memorization. Students should **not** be memorizing the words. They must learn the phonetic sounds of the letters and use this to spell the words. Please encourage your child to sound out the letters and spell it by the sounds that they hear. Your child's teacher will send the spelling words home every Sunday for Homework. Please review daily with them the words to ensure they are ready for the tests on Thursday.

JOURNALS

Students write in their journals each week about activities that they will be doing during the month.

READING

Students are reading a wide variety of stories and have begun reading individually for their teachers. Please read daily with your child from a variety of story books.

The focus in reading is on the comprehension of beginning, middle and end (sequencing the events).

*Students will be tested weekly on their word recognition of the vocabulary words from their Homework Readers.

MATH

Students will return to Chapters 5 & 6: Addition Strategies. The students are required to use many different ways for answering questions:

1. Using pictures
2. Using a number line to count on
3. Using their fingers (bigger number in their head, smaller number on their fingers and counting on).

Please practice addition and subtraction questions from 1 to 10 daily to improve your child's speed and accuracy.

TESTS

Chapter 3, 4, 7 & 8 Subtraction: Sun. Nov. 9th



LIBRARY

Students will continue to go to the library every other week. Things to do with the library book:

- Discuss the beginning, middle and end
- Retell the story in your own words
- Draw a picture to go with the story

Red: Sundays Purple: Mondays

Blue & Orange: Thursdays Green: Tuesdays

SCIENCE

We have started discussing Plants and their parts. Topics include:

- ❖ Parts of the plant and their functions
- ❖ Vocabulary words: oxygen, roots, stem, flower, leaves, seeds, seedling, fruits and trunk
- ❖ Needs for survival

TEST: Parts of Plants – Sun. Nov. 2nd

P.E. or Swimming Days

- ✓ **Students must label all their school clothes!**
- ✓ **Students must have a swimming cap.**
- ✓ **Students need to be able to change their clothes independently.**

👉 How can you help your child:

Reading: Read daily and ask them questions about the stories.

Hand Writing: Practice writing skills by copying from a newspaper or class book.

Math: Practice printing the numbers 1 to 20 correctly. Do math addition and subtraction problems and count objects from 1 to 20.

Thanks for all your continued support!

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