

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2nd Quarter of First Grade! We have had a great start to the school year. Students have been working hard to be responsible, respectful, safe, and kind. We will continue to discuss and model these expectations as they are part of our school-wide positive behavior system.

As we move into the 2nd quarter please be aware that the majority of the 1st quarter has been a heavy review of Kindergarten. In addition, we have done a lot of modeling and completing some assignments with the students to teach how classwork should be completed. We have started and will continue to be releasing responsibility and more independence to the students during this quarter.

** Outdoor recess: We will still be going outside as long as the weather permits. Make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor weather at 10:15 am.

As we progress through the year, we will still discuss and review previously learned skills. Below you will find some topics of focus throughout Quarter 2.

English Language Arts Focus

Reading

Genres: Fantasy, Realistic Fiction, Informational Text, Biography, Folktale

- Reread text
- Author's Purpose
- Main Story Elements: character, setting, events
- Main Topic and Details
- Sequence Events in a text
 - Beginning, Middle, End
- Make predictions and confirm predictions

Word Study

- Students will learn **4** Super Words each week. At the end of the week they are expected to read and write the words. They are written in your child's planner on Mondays.

Beginning Blends

- bl, cl, fl, pl, st, sk, sm, sp, cr, fr, dr, tr, br, gr, sn, sw

Three Letter Blends

- Spl, str, spr

Ending Blends

- sk, -st, -mp, -nd, -nt

Compound Words

Closed Syllables

Inflectional Endings (-ed, -ing)

Contractions with 's

Writing/ Grammar

- Generating ideas to write
- Punctuating sentences
- Rereading own writing and adding more
- Approximating spelling
- Common/Proper Nouns
- Capitalize Proper Nouns

- Plural Nouns
- Verbs
- Writing freely and independently

Math Focus

Addition and Subtraction Equations

- Find Unknown Numbers
- True/False Equations
- Add Three Numbers
- Solve Word Problems

Represent and Interpret Data

- Organize Data
- Collect and Represent Data
- Interpret Data

Extend the Counting Sequence

- Count by 1s, 10s,
- Count on a number chart or open number line
- Count and Write Numerals

** Please make sure your child is continuing to practice Addition and Subtraction facts at home, on a regular basis.

Attendance:

Being at school every day is extremely important to your child's success and quality of education. We begin Language Arts instruction promptly at 8:10, please make sure your child has arrived at school on time so they are ready to begin learning with the whole group.

Absent Work

If your child is absent, all missed work will be sent home when your child returns to school. For every 1 day absent, your child will have 2 days to complete and return the work. Absent work *cannot* be sent home prior to an absence.

Homework

While Homework is not graded and entered in the gradebook, please make sure your child is completing the homework on a nightly basis. It is used to check for your child's understanding of the previous day's lesson.

Math is assigned on a daily basis, any worksheets must be completed and returned the following school day.

Reading: If there is a weekly reading worksheet. Please make sure each day is done. It should be completed and turned on at the end of every week. Every child should be reading on a daily basis for about 20 minutes. It can look different depending on your child's independent abilities (being read to, taking turns reading pages with an adult, or someone listening to them read)

Green Folder & Student Planner

**Reminder: Check your child's green folder (left at home) and student planner on a nightly basis. We write our exact homework assignments in our planner. Your child's folder should not have any

papers on the “left at home” side when returning to school the following day. There is a lot of confusion at school when there are papers left in the folder.

Schedule

Enrichment Class: 11:40-12:40

Monday & Tuesday- Theatre

Wednesday- P.E

Thursday- Games

Friday- Art

Recess & Lunch: 10:15-11:00

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. McBrearty