First News

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 27.....Return: Friday Folder, Parent Input, Contact Information and Snack if you haven’t already

September 2......LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)

WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN AWESOME YEAR OF LEARNING AND FUN!!

PTA/SAC Participation

PTA and SAC would LOVE for you to come and be an active member! PTA helps raise money for our school and they need YOUR help! SAC is a committee made up of our principal, teachers, parents and community members that take an active role in designing, implementing and evaluating the academic goals of the school. Let’s see if 1st grade parents can fill the room at every meeting for both PTA and SAC! Log in to Ponderosa PTA Facebook page or our school website.

Water Bottles

Please send your child to school with a full water bottle each day. It is much easier when the water bottles don’t have a screw off lid. We don’t have drinking fountains in our rooms so it is better when your child has his/her own water bottle.

Snacks

Please send your child with a healthy snack daily. We understand there are mornings that are crazy and snack is forgotten. For those times we will have some extra snacks in our cupboards. We have sent a note requesting some help in stocking our cupboards for those crazy mornings. Thank you for keeping our bellies full and our hearts happy!
Friday Folders

Friday Folders come home on Fridays with important papers and information. Please empty the folder and keep all papers that need to stay home. Send back the papers on the “Return to School” side completed. Send this folder back to school with your child on Monday. Thanks for helping your child get into this routine!

Library Check out

Your child will check books out from the library on the day listed below. Please help Mrs. A in the library by having your child bring his/her library book to school to be returned the DAY BEFORE his/her check out day. Thanks so much for your help with this!

Bonawitz - Wednesday (return books Tuesday)
Birks - Tuesday (return books Monday)
Saya - Thursday (return books Wednesday)

Math

We have been learning to count on from ANY NUMBER to 120, counting backwards, by 2, 5, and 10!! For a challenge, have your child try counting by 3, 4 or 6!! This is an important skill for first graders to know and be able to do. It builds their number sense and makes learning other concepts throughout the year much easier.

KEEP PRACTICING THAT COUNTING!

By the way…. WE HAVE LOVED SOME OF THE COUNTING VIDEOS SENT IN!! KEEP THEM COMING!!

CORE VALUES

We have been learning about the meaning of our Core Values at Ponderosa!

Respectful
Responsible
Fair-minded
Intergrity
Preseverance

These are the values that we expect ALL our pandas to demonstrate throughout their school day. We are modeling what these behaviors might and might NOT look like. By showing these Core Values, the students are rewarded with individual and classroom Golden Globes. These incentives help us fill our classroom mosaic so that we can CELEBRATE our hard work in showing the values we hold near and dear to our heart at Ponderosa. Ask your child how they demonstrate one of the core values each day!