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First Grade Newsletter

Challenge Charter School

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Core Virtues:

Respect – Treating others with high regard regardless of their race, their place, or the color of their face!

Responsibility – Do your part for the groups that make us whole.



8/13 Specials

8/21 Specials

8/29 Specials

9/2 – 9/3 Labor Day: No School

What we are learning the week of: August 12-16

English Language Arts

The students have been working hard on refreshing their blending and segmenting skills using short vowels and consonants. We will continue this next week.

We will be reviewing nouns and finding them in sentences.

Students have also begun learning tricky words, and practice them daily in the classroom.

We will also continue working on our handwriting in class every day!



Math

We will start learning about 2D and 3D shapes. What makes these shapes different? Students will be identifying the different attributes as well as using the shapes to create new shapes and designs.

We will also start Mad Dog Math this week! We will start with a practice page on the 14th. Students will have 2 minutes to complete a sheet of addition or subtraction problems. Please practice your math facts at home!



Social Studies

We have been working hard on our geography unit!

Some of the topics we are covering are:

- 7 Continents
- 5 Oceans
- The Equator
- North and South Hemispheres and Poles

*Ask your child to sing you the continents song we have been singing in class!



Core Knowledge is #1!

We get it done with fun!!

Hands-on, Right on! Integrated Science, Social Studies, Math, and Language Arts!



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Important information for: August 12 – 16

Listening & Learning

We will continue our unit on fables and stories this week. It has been a wonderful way to start the school year! The stories for next week are:

- Fox and the Grapes
- Little Half Chick
- Crowded Noisy House
- Tale of Peter Rabbit

Your child is learning movements for each vocabulary word. Ask your child what the movement is for the following words.

- Startled
- Balance
- Budge
- Greedy



School Song

Come to Challenge to get the knowledge.

We're proud of our red, white, and blue.

We try our best to be a success, for the eagle is flying high and true.

We strive for excellence with hands-on experience exploring and learning our Core.

Science and technology, reading and geography.

We're opening a brand-new door.

(spoken)

Get the knowledge!

Share what you know!

Challenge Charter Eagles are ready to go!



Reminders

- Please provide your child with a healthy snack each day!
- Please check your child's take-home folder every day.
- Double check your child's socks! They must match the color of your child's shirt or be white! Socks must also be seen above the shoe.
- Student's may need a light sweater in the classroom as they can be cold! Please make sure they are solid navy, red, or white.

Thank you for a wonderful first week of school!

Sight

This week's sight words are:

new, sound, take, only, little, work, know, place, live, year

Strategies:

- Write the words in chalk, with paint, build with legos, etc
- Flashcards – compete against a family member!
- Book detective! Find all your words in your favorite book.

