

First Grade



SEPTEMBER



Dates to Remember

September 16 - Back to School Night 5:30 - 6:30

September 25 - Picture Day

Reading

The students will continue where they left off in reading class last year. Mrs. Miller's class will complete Horizons Level B. Mrs. Osorio's reading class will complete Reading Mastery 2. A note about reading will be sent home soon.



Math

Mrs. Osorio teaches Saxon 1, and Mrs. Miller teaches Saxon 2. We will be sending a math letter home with our math students. There is a lot of review built into the first several weeks, so homework should be fairly quick and easy to complete.

Core

In **Literature** this month, we will discuss sayings and phrases: *Wolf in sheep's clothing* and *Sour grapes*. We will be reading several of Aesop's Fables. We will focus on understanding the moral of each fable as well as naming the setting, characters, and plot of each. Our poetry this month will be "Rope Rhyme" and "The Swing."
In **Geography**, we will be reviewing the continents and oceans. We will also learn map skills including hemispheres and poles, cardinal directions, and the compass rose. We will identify the three largest countries in North America, and the continent, country, state, and city in which we live.
Science lessons will focus on the sun, moon, and stars along with their predictable patterns. We will discuss the contributions of astronomers such as Galileo, Shi Shen, Gan De, and Wu Xian.

Spelling/Grammar

Along with the Core Knowledge and Direct Instruction subjects taught to your child last year, he/she will also have spelling and grammar. We will be sending home a spelling note which will be attached to the words and sentences that your child will learn this year. We will send grammar notes home periodically that will guide you in helping to reinforce the grammar concepts that are learned in school.