

9-12-25

Dear 1st Grade Families,

Happy Fri-YAY! This week has been a fun Enrichment Week with all the PTA events! Students loved all the theme days and bringing in change to put in the piggy banks. As a reminder, Friday folders are coming home today with papers from the week. Homework for the week is in the folders and should be completed and returned on September 19.

Yesterday your child brought home his/her iReady fall diagnostic report and Amira report. Students completed the diagnostic assessment in August. This report will give you an overview of your child's current results in math and reading. The iReady diagnostic is a benchmark that places your child on his/her path in iReady and will support with lessons on skills that need more instruction as well as challenge in areas where your child is ready to move on. For more information the video [Understanding iReady](#) will give you an overview of the iReady assessment and program. The Amira report will show your child's Amira Reading Mastery (ARM) score as well as the different reading domains assessed. We will also discuss your child's results and class progress during our upcoming fall conference. Please reach out with any questions. Thank you!

Important Dates

September 23 - PTA Dining for Dollars, Whit's Frozen Custard

September 30 - PTA Dining for Dollars, From the Earth

October 2-3 - PTA Fall Mornings

October 3 - PTA Family Fun Night

October 9 - PTA Dining for Dollars, Voodoo Pub

October 10 - All Pro Dad

October 13-17 - Fall Break (No School)

Reporting Absences: If your child is absent, please email northwoodattendance@fultonschools.org with the reason and any doctor's notes.

Beanstack Information from the Media Center:

Hi families!

We're excited to offer an optional way for you to support your child's reading at home through **Beanstack**, our school's reading log platform. You can help by logging your child's reading minutes each time they read—it's quick and easy!

Each month, the First-Grade class with the most logged minutes will receive special recognition and be eligible for quarterly prizes!

Please see the attached flyer for more details. Thank you for encouraging a love of reading at home!

Login Info:

- Download the Beanstack mobile app
- Search for Northwood Elementary
- Sign in With ClassLink
 - **Username:** Your child's student ID
 - **Password:** Your child's date of birth (MMDDYYYY)

With the support of our wonderful Northwood Foundation, our school has math resources from Tang Math that we will be using throughout the school year. Focused on our Georgia Math Standards, Tang Math offers teacher resources, student games, puzzles, online manipulatives and much more.

Each week the grade level weekly blast will include Tangy Tuesday and Wordy Wednesday math puzzle packs for home use. These packs are **OPTIONAL** and can be used in any way that you would like to use as a family. There are some wonderful games and activities to build number sense and math problem solving. You can also visit www.tangmath.com/games for online games as well. We hope that you will enjoy these resources as much as we do!



Curriculum Notes: What's Coming Up Next Week?

Math: Students took their Unit 1 Assessments this week and did a great job! We are now ready to move into Unit 2. Next week, students will be using different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. The Unit 2 Family Letter is attached.

Math 2: Students took their Unit 1 Assessments this week and did a great job! We are now ready to move into Unit 2. Next week, students will use the strategy of decomposing to add and the strategy of base ten blocks to subtract. The Unit 2 Family Letter is attached.

Reading and Phonics: Throughout our reading this week, we will be answering the question, “What jobs need to be done in a community?” Students will read fiction and non-fiction texts, discussing story elements, and what makes a text fiction or non-fiction.

Writing: The students will identify nouns and write an opinion about a realistic fiction story,

Science: We are taking a break for a few weeks from Social Studies and moving into science. For our first unit, we will be learning about different types of weather, four types of precipitation (rain, snow, sleet, hail), and explain the water cycle.

Student Success Skills: We will learn focus skills to help us reach goals.

Reminders

- Don't forget to send in a healthy snack and reusable water bottle with your child each day.
- Please sign your child's agenda each night.
- Please read and return library books.
- Remember to wear gym shoes on PE days!

Have a wonderful weekend,

