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First Grade Newsletter

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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.

Important Dates

8/11 Specials

8/18 Specials

9/2 SOM Assembly

9/7 – 9/8 Labor Day: No School

What we are learning the week of: August 10-14

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 have been working on counting and number sense. Next week we will start learning about making 10s. Your child will use different manipulatives and 10 frames to help guide them and master this skill.

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



Social Studies

We started learning about the 7 continents and their location on the globe.

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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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 has enjoyed acting out the vocabulary words and acting out the stories.

- 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.
- 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.
- Please leave Smart watches at home, as they can be a distraction.
- Water bottles must close. The straws need to fold down to help minimize spills.

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.

