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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

8/19 Specials

8/27 Specials

8/28 Birthday Celebrations

9/2 SOM Assembly @ 9:45

What we are learning the week of: August 17-21

English Language Arts

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

Next week, the review continues! We are working on fine tuning more of our consonant sounds to enhance our fluency skills.

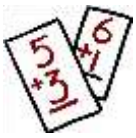
We will also continue working on our handwriting in class every day!



Math

We have been working on counting, number sense, and building our math manipulative bags. 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.

Mad Dog Math has started! Students have 2 minutes to complete a sheet of addition or subtraction problems. Please practice your math facts at home!



Social Studies

This week we will finish up learning about the continents and take a small quiz. Students will need to be able to label a compass rose. Please practice the directions at home!

After this quiz, students will begin learning about community. We will discuss our community helpers and how they help us every day.



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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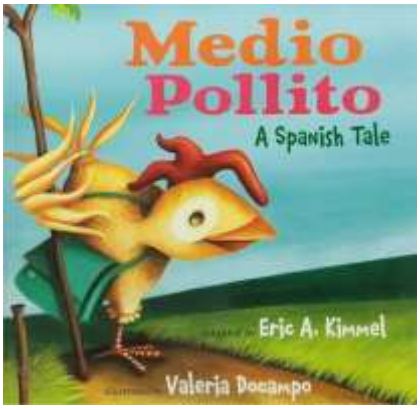
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Important information for: August 17 - 21

Listening & Learning

Students will continue to learn about Fables. We will also continue to review the moral of each story and these lessons are important for our everyday life.

We will then test on our Fables and Stories unit. Students will be tested on the vocabulary words as well as the different story elements from each story.



We are thrilled with the first-grade students and how they have adjusted to first grade!

A couple of items you may be wondering about!

We will allow parents to start volunteering after Labor Day. A calendar will go home after.

Homework will also start after Labor Day! These packets will have spelling words, sight words, and about 3-4 different activities. These packets will be sent home on Friday and due the following Friday!

More information to come after Labor Day!

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 your support!

Sight Words

This week's sight words are – review!

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.

