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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

8/27 Specials

8/28 Birthday Celebrations

9/2 SOM Assembly @ 9:45

9/7 & 9/8 Labor Day. No School

What we are learning the week of: August 24-28

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 will be reviewing digraphs - /ch/ /sh/ /th/

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



Math

This coming week we will be adding and subtracting within 1-, solving word problems, and designing word problems based on given numbers.

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!



Science

Our Listening and Learning unit aligns with our Science unit! Students will get to build the skeletal system using q tips and watch a digestive system in action!

We have a lot of hands-on projects with this unit, please reach out to your child's teacher to see what you can donate to help!



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 24 - 28

Listening & Learning

Students will start learning about the Human Body!

This is a big hands-on unit!

This week students will learn about the systems of the body and vocabulary words such as, digestion and skeletal.



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!
We will send home a "practice" homework sheet soon. This will help your child get back into the swing of homework. This "practice" is only a sample of the packet that comes home 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!

me, back, give, most, very, after, thing, our, just, name

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.

