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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

8/31 APEX Starts

9/2 SOM Assembly @ 9:45

9/4 Specials

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

What we are learning the week of: Aug. 31st - Sept. 4

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 - /ng/ /ck/ /qu/.

We are also working on our reading fluency to master the sounds from last year and reading stories from our in-class reader!

Please practice your sight words at home!

Math

This week we are counting forward and backward from ten. Students practice this with adding and subtracting within 10. They will start using this skill to add and subtract within 20.

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 align with our science unit! Students will be learning about the science behind vaccinations as well as how to keep our bodies healthy.

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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Listening & Learning

Students are working through the Human Body!

Ask your child what they learned about the Digestive system ☺

This is a big hands-on unit!

This week students will enhance their knowledge on the human body by engaging in "just right" text.



Core Knowledge

Students have been learning the safety of the computers and what information is private and what can be public.

Students will be able to use the computers very soon and learn how to navigate to different parts of the home page

During this time, students have also been learning about our Core Sayings and Phrases. We have been applying real life scenarios to help the students master the meaning behind the phrases.



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.

