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Dear 1L Families,

We will be starting homework in First Grade this week! ☺ Here is some information about how homework will work this year. A homework sheet will be sent home in your child's folder every Monday, listing the week's assignments. This sheet should **remain in your child's folder** during the week, and a parent should initial the weekly sheet every night after homework has been completed.

A big goal for first graders is to establish a positive homework routine that students can carry with them throughout their schooling. Please help your child find a quiet time and place to work on assignments. Talk about homework with your child, as it provides a good insight as to what we're doing in 1L. A reminder that your child's work should always be his/her own. (First grade spelling!) And finally, students should always be encouraged to do their best work and feel proud of all of their learning!

First grade homework will always be an **extension/practice** of what has been done in class, and directions will be reviewed daily before the work is sent home. Your first grader should be able to work on most assignments fairly independently. Please let me know by indicating on the weekly homework sheet if anything becomes a struggle. Homework will be consistent each week:

* Monday - Reading night (Your child will take home books of his/her choosing that have been practiced many times in 1L.) Book bags can be kept at home Monday night and Tuesday night. If you are interested in having your child come home with more than two books please let me know!

* Tuesday - Reading night #2. On this night your child should re-read the book/books in their bag. This helps first graders develop fluency and expression while becoming more confident readers. Book bags are to be returned on Wednesday morning.

* Wednesday - "Wednesday Write Night" - An assignment in a special writing journal...students are encouraged to write as much as they can (whether it is a few sentences or a whole page) and draw a picture to match their words.

* Thursday - Math practice reinforcing our curriculum objectives.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for supporting your child's first grade experience!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Littrell