

## First Grade Newsletter

September 29, 2014

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful weekend! Can you believe we've been in school for a month! The children are really starting to settle into First Grade!

**Homework:** Please complete the I Like Me paper that is coming home in your child's Take-Home folder for homework tonight and again for homework tomorrow night.

### Penmanship

We have learned that some letters and numbers have backward circle line (O, C), horizontal lines (F, G) and vertical lines (H, D). We have also started to practice writing numerals.

### Reading Workshop

This week we are talking about how books feel when we read them. Sometimes they feel too easy when you know all the words by heart. They may feel too hard when you have to use your strategies to figure out every single word. Books should feel just right! These books require the kids to use strategies to figure out some tricky words, but they feel successful when they are able to do it!

### Writing Workshop

The children very much enjoy Writing Workshop! Last week we taught the children how to liven up our stories by *unfreezing characters* in the story. We learned that we can do this in our own writing by making the characters move or talk.

### Math Workshop

Last week we worked on various classroom investigations where the kids practiced decomposing or breaking apart numbers up to 20.

### \*\*\*Important Notes\*\*\*

\*\*Show and Tell will officially begin next week. Be on the lookout for more information coming home about it this week! It is very helpful if you practice

sharing the special item at home so that your child can feel prepared to share with the class. Thank you for your support at home!

Respectfully yours,  
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