

First Grade Newsletter

September 17, 2018

Dear Parents,

Our first grade newsletter will be solely on Infinite Campus starting next week. You should be receiving a hard copy through backpack mail and an email through Infinite Campus today. Please contact the office or your child's teacher with any problems.

Homework: Will begin soon, so please be on the look out and be sure to check your child's folder each night.

Library Help Needed

The Library is looking for 1st grade parent volunteers!

If you would like to help in the library this year, we are still looking for parent volunteers during 1st grade LLC classes and book checkout. We are also welcoming any parents who would like to help with the following: shelving books, processing of new books and book repairs, creating bulletin boards and displays. You can pick whichever library jobs fit your interests. Please contact Mrs. Minogue (nminogue@fairfieldschools.org) or Mrs. P (mpsenicnik@fairfieldschools.org) if you are interested! Thank you!

Here are our LLC times:

*1J on "A" days from 11:00-12:00

*1H on "E" days from 2:00-3:00

Reading Workshop

Reading Workshop is in full swing! The children have learned that strong readers have big responsibilities! They read pictures, they try to read the words, they notice details or new things when they reread their books and they are reminded of things when they read! The children love having Private Reading Time, in which they get to do all the things that strong readers do by themselves. We will be learning more about Partner Reading Time, where the children have the opportunity to pair up with a friend and sit side by side to read together. Some of our mini-lessons will focus on planning ways to read with a partner, taking turns making decisions with your partner, how to talk about your book with a partner and how to solve problems that may arise with your partner.

Writing Workshop

Our stories keep growing and growing and growing! This is exactly what grownup authors do! We add on! We say more! The children are learning that as authors:

☐ We choose topics and write what we know about.

☐ We think of a topic, touch and tell the story across the pages and then sketch across each page.

☐ We know that when we are finished, we have more to do.

☐ We go back and add more detail.

☐ We take care of our writing tools.

☐ We write words.

☐ We always say, "I'll do the best I can and keep going" (sketching pictures and writing words).

Math Workshop

We have been working on taking class surveys and turning the data we collect into graphs. We have also learned how to use math language (most, least, equal) to analyze these graphs.

We are really enjoying our September Number Corner. These are math workouts in the first month of school that focus on counting and recognizing numbers from 0 to 30, with a special emphasis on understanding that teen numbers are made of 1 ten and some more. Students use a wide variety of models that help them work in groups of 2, 5, and 10. We have been reviewing the concept of unitizing; that is, thinking of 10 items as a single unit called a 10. Wow, we are very busy with our September Number Corner!

*****Important Notes*****

☐ Please remember to empty out your child's Take-Home folder every day. Check over his/her work with him/her every day. Read over any comments.

☐ Homework will always be due the next day, unless otherwise noted.

☐ Please send in **one** snack a day for your child. Snack is not meant to replace meals. Any more than one snack and we tend to run into important curriculum areas.

☐ Please send in a water bottle for your child. That way your child can get a drink whenever they wish. Water is the preferred drink!

Respectfully yours,

Debbie Jacobs and Allison Hafford