

## First Grade Newsletter

September 25, 2017

Dear Parents,  
We hope you had a wonderful weekend!

### **Homework for the Week:**

Homework will officially begin this week! Please note that homework should be returned via your child's yellow Take-Home Folder the next school day, unless otherwise noted). Homework will most often be:

- \***Monday**- word work review / word wall words with spelling menu (beginning soon)
- \***Tuesday** -reading worksheet or Reading baggie
- \***Wednesday** - Second Step review/Science/Social Studies
- \***Thursday** - Math review
- \***Friday** - no homework

### Penmanship

We have started to practice writing numerals.

### Reading Workshop

The goal of our reading has been to teach students the expectations and routines of Reader's Workshop. They are currently learning strategies to choose just right books, finding cozy spots around the room and improving their engagement during independent reading. This week students are beginning to "shop" for just-right books from the classroom library. We are also beginning to meet with groups for small group instruction. First grade is a busy place during reading workshop!

### Writing Workshop

Sometimes coming up with an idea for writing is the hardest part of writing workshop. How can you help? Please discuss weekend experiences and events with your child. Have them retell it across their fingers so they can remember many details.

### Math Workshop

We have been busy working on number combinations. We introduced the Math Rack as a tool to continue to build the students' number sense. Please follow the link to download the free app that we sometimes use in the classroom.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/number-rack-by-math-learning/id496057949?mt=8>

### Science

We have started our unit on Living Things. We have planted lima beans, and now we will begin making observations and recording those observations. First graders learn to observe, question and problem solve using appropriate vocabulary. We will record, interpret and communicate scientific data in our science journals! What fun science is in first grade!

### Parent Readers Needed

Each first grade will invite Parent Readers into the classroom on Thursdays from 3:00-3:20. This is a great opportunity to read to your child's class! A sign-up sheet was sent home last week. If you would still like to be a parent reader, please send the slip back to your child's teacher no later than September 29.

Respectfully yours,  
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