

First Grade Newsletter

September 25, 2018

Dear Parents,

We are off to a great start this week. Please note that conference dates/times will be coming home school-wide tomorrow. Every effort was made to schedule the conference according to your preference. Please return the confirmation slip as soon as possible!

Homework for the Week:

Homework will officially begin today! 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

Library Help Needed

The Library is still 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 for Mrs. Hafford's class. 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

Penmanship

We are beginning penmanship this week. We will begin by reviewing capital letters and numerals. Then we will talk about vertical, horizontal and slanted lines as we begin to practice lowercase letter formation.

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 will be beginning our unit on Living Things. We will plant lima beans and make 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!

Respectfully yours,

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