August 27, 2020

Dear Parents,

I enjoyed the conversations that I got to have with each of you parents last week. As I said when I spoke to you, or when I left you a message, I really enjoy this group of children and we’re off to a great start!

We enjoyed another wonderful week together in first grade. This is a sweet group of kids and they love to have fun while they learn which makes them my kind of first graders! Most of the kids did well on our tests but there is always room for a little more review at home. We are beginning to get into first grade work so please review graded papers together so that your child is well prepared for tests. Please also remind your student to read all directions. I am happy to read with them if they will come to my desk. I will send home a test practice sheet many Wednesdays in math. Please have your student complete it. If you grade it AND sign it your child will earn a positive pat. They must check for both (and remind you if needed) to earn the positive pat.

Please read daily with your child. I ask the kids to work independently and read directions to themselves. Strong reading skills will give students the ability to be confident, independent workers. I am always there to help if they get stuck. It is neat to see the kids stretch their comfort zones to new limits. Read ‘n Quiz is a great way to improve reading skills. Please be sure your child is taking and passing 2 tests a week. Students should have 9 passed tests by September 9th for progress reports.

The SplashLearn.com site is one way your child can practice their fact families. We have started speed drills so they will need to memorize their fact families (through 5’s for now).

The site is free if you just use it for math fact practice. You may get a message to upgrade but it is not necessary unless you want to use other features offered by SplashLearn.com. Another site you might also want to check out is Khan Academy. They have some good practice options under Khan Kids. None of these options are graded or required, they just offer some fun practice activities for the kids.

September’s Bible verse and family activity are due September 29th!

If you ever need to refer to a weekly newsletter and can’t find it, it is also posted on our school website under “Newsletters”!

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**Homework:**

Spelling worksheet due Monday

Phonics worksheet due Tuesday

\*Shurley English test Wednesday-Please use the Chapter Check-up worksheet for test review (and the graded Shurley homework page included in this week’s folder)

Math worksheet due Thursday

Daily Gram due Thursday

**A Look Ahead:**

Sept. 7th – Labor Day - School Holiday

\*Sept. 9th - Numbers Project due (See directions below)

**Number Project:**

**Due 9/9/20**

We have been learning a lot about numbers in math. We have learned what cardinal numbers and what ordinal numbers are. We have learned about odd and even numbers. We have studied place value and number sentences. You will see a number written in red on your newsletter this week. Please have your child write 10 facts about that number and then help them make an 8 X 11 size cut out of that number. Please use cardboard or foam board so the numbers can be displayed.

Decorate the number with glitter, bright colored paint, sequins foam stickers etc. Be creative and have fun making them!

Example facts:

1) 2+3=5

3+2=5

2) There are 5 people in my family

3) My sister is 5

4) 5 is an odd number

5) Etc.

**Grading-**

10 pts for following directions

10 pts for being neat, colorful and creative

10 pts for 10 interesting facts

10 pts for oral presentation