August 31, 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone made it through our hurricane day with a minimum of inconvenience: we are praying for those affected in north Florida. I enjoyed the conversations that I got to have with you 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. We love to have fun while we learn! 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 help them read if they get stuck on a word. I will send home a test practice sheet most Wednesdays in math. Please have your student complete it. If you grade it AND sign it your child will earn a positive pat.

Please read daily with your child. I ask the kids to work independently and read directions to themselves so strong reading skills will give students the ability to be confident, independent workers. 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 18 passed tests by October 12th for progress reports.

September’s Bible verse and family activity are due September 26th! The first Faith in Action activity is due October 5th.

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”!

**Homework:**

Spelling worksheet due Tuesday

Phonics worksheet due Tuesday

Math worksheet due Thursday

Daily Gram due Thursday

**A Look Ahead:**

Sept. 4th - Labor Day - School Holiday

Sept. 12th- Numbers Project due (See directions below)

Sept. 20th- Christmas try-outs

Nov.1st- Field trip- The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs

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**Number Project:**

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 card board 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