



First Grade Flyer



Goshen Elementary School

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Curriculum Corner

WELCOME to First Grade at Goshen! We have had a great start and look forward to working with you this year. Each month we will send home a newsletter to keep you informed and involved in our program.

In Book Club, we are assessing each child's reading skills to determine his or her strengths and needs as a reader. Soon, we will begin guided reading groups that provide instruction to each student at his/her instructional level. Students will be bringing home book baggies with texts that they are working with. Please help your child remember to practice the books every night and bring the book baggie back to school every day.

In Book Club, we have been practicing the strategies of previewing, predicting, and

retelling. Good readers use these strategies to help build strong comprehension skills. At home, have your child look through a book before reading it and guess about what it will be about to practice previewing. While reading, stop at various points throughout the text and guess what will happen next to practice predicting. After reading, have your child practice retelling the main events or ideas to help build understanding of what is read.

We work with weekly poems, word wall words, and chunks in Book Club. The poems, words, and chunk come home in the weekly homework packet with ideas on how to practice them.

In Math, we are learning strategies to add and subtract numbers and solve word problems. We are also working on developing our number

sense. Details and suggested home activities are on the back of this newsletter. Our team is working on assessing each child's strengths and needs in math and will use this information to form instructional groups. We use a team teaching model with flexible grouping based on the results of on going assessments. This means that your child may work with different teachers on certain math concepts throughout the year. This model maximizes the opportunities for all students.

We invite you and your child to join us for Back to School Night on Oct. 1 at 7PM. You will be able to get to know us better and learn more about what we do in school. We hope that you can come!

CALENDAR

September 7th

No School-Labor Day

September 28th

No School-Yom Kippur

October 1st

Back To School Night @ 7pm

October 2nd

Early Release @ 1 pm



Announcements

****We are working on organizational skills.** Please help by checking your child's Goshen folder each day and removing notes or papers coming home. Put notes to us in the folder. Have your child make sure the folder and book baggie are in his/her backpack each day.

****Our Dollar Den store will be opening in a few weeks on Friday afternoons.** The store is part of our incentive program and is a real hit with the students! If you are interested in helping us organize or run the store, please send in a note. We will be contacting interested parents soon.

****Toys and small trinkets should remain at home.**

****Please label all envelopes with the contents on the outside.** If sending lunch money, please put your child's name and PIN number on the envelope.

