



BACK TO SCHOOL!



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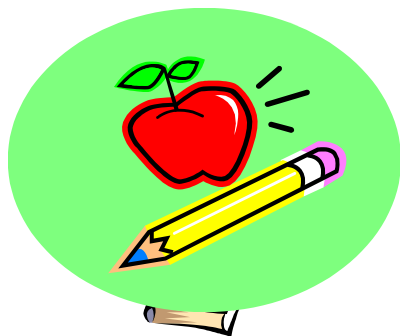
First Grade

Welcome Back

Welcome Back to a New School Year! We are thrilled for a new year and new adventures.

We have many exciting things going on in our classrooms including many getting to know one another activities.

Some of the activities this week include creating classroom ground rules and a mission statement. Students have illustrated pictures of themselves modeling the mission statement and these are then displayed in our classrooms throughout the year in the data center.



Important Dates:

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- 9/6/10: No School Labor Day
- 9/7/10: M Class Reading Test Begins
- 9/9/10: No School Rosh Hashanah
- 9/14/10: No School Primary Elections

Reading & Writing

In quarter one students will demonstrate their understanding of before, during, and after reading strategies. Before reading strategies include previewing the text and taking a picture walk. During reading strategies include asking questions like does it make sense? Does it sound right? After reading strategies include retelling important events. We will begin our author study of Kevin Henkes.

In writing, students are writing for personal expression. They will be writing about adventures they had over the summer and some of their favorite memories. We are also working on conventions which include writing with punctuation and capitalization.

Math

Students will demonstrate the concepts of addition and subtraction. They will practice finding the sums and differences using counting strategies such as counting on and counting back.

Students will learn to identify the number that is one more, one less, and in between a number.

Homework

We will be giving homework on a weekly basis. We will send it home Monday and it will be due on Friday. There is no homework on the weekends. Students are expected to read for 15-20 each day/night.