

THE TERRAPIN TIMES

First Grade, September 2009
Sargent Shriver Elementary School
301-929-4426



Welcome to the first grade school year. We look forward to working with you and your first graders.

The First Grade Team:

There are seven first grade classes and two Reading Recovery teachers at Sargent Shriver for the 2009-2010 school year. Here are our names, room numbers and email addresses:

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The First Grade Curriculum:

Here are the areas we will be exploring this month:

READING LANGUAGE ARTS:

- Rhyming
- Before, During and After Reading Strategies
- Developing Comprehension: Character, Setting, Problem and Solution
- Text Features in non-fiction books
- Generating Ideas and writing about them
- Expressing Personal Ideas using Pictures and/or Words
- Word Study
- Practicing High Frequency words

MATH:

- Story problems
- Counting Numbers by 1, 2, 5, and 10
- Counting Pennies and Nickels
- Visual Patterns
- Number Patterns
- Number Grids
- Adding and Subtracting using the number line

SCIENCE:

- Rocks, Sand and Soil

SOCIAL STUDIES:

- Rules and Laws
- Responsibilities
- DeBug

Special Events in September:

Tuesday, September 15: Back to School Night.

Please check the Sargent Shriver Newsletter for times. We will discuss the teacher's, parent's and student's responsibilities, homework expectations, and other grade level topics.

We need your help!

Here are some things we will need from you in the beginning of the school year:

1. Update and return the yellow emergency card. Be sure to complete both sides.
2. Complete and return the lunch form if you are applying for a free or reduced-priced lunch for your child.

We will also need your help with the following tasks throughout the year:

1. School begins at 8:40 A.M. Make sure your child comes to school on time every day. Notify the office when your child will be absent.
2. Dismissal begins at 3:00 P.M. If you are picking up your child, please meet us in the grassy area in front of the school at 3:00 P.M.
3. Check your child's Communication Folder every day for any important papers. Use this folder to send any important notes or documents back to school.
4. Contact us through a note, phone call or email when you have any questions or concerns.
5. Keep your contact information updated so we can reach you for any reason.

Please look for a First Grade Newsletter at the beginning of every month. We anticipate an exciting and successful year with you and your child.

Sincerely,
The First Grade Team

