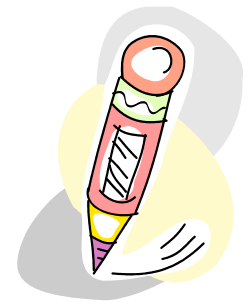


First Grade News



September 2009



Welcome Back To School!



We are very excited about the start of the new school year! First grade is a wonderful year which will provide many new experiences for your child. We will all be working together to make sure your child has a successful school year.



Back to School Night



Please mark your calendars for Sept. 24 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm for our Back to School Night! Please come and see your child’s classroom, meet the teachers and tour our beautiful school during this great information fair!



Reading Logs



Each student is encouraged to read 25 books independently, on his/her reading level this year. Your child will bring home a record sheet so that he/she can record books read at home. Please set aside time each night for your child to read and help your child record the books that have been read. We know all of the students can reach this goal!



Technology

We are very excited about our new technology upgrades! Please ask your child about our Promethean Boards and our Elmos! We are working hard to integrate technology every single day!

Dates To Remember:

Guest Readers* -	Sept. 18
*(each child gets a brand new book!)	
No School –	Sept. 28 Yom Kipper
Flu Shots -	Sept. 29
Back to School Night -	Sept 24, 7:00-8:00 pm

Curriculum Focus:



Math – Unit One: We will be working on the following:

- Counting using a variety of strategies and identifying numbers in a set
- Identifying numbers that are one more, one less and between two numbers
- Adding and subtracting numbers using counting strategies
- Recognizing, describing and extending patterns
- Reading, writing and comparing numbers to 100



Reading – We will work on predicting, retelling, making connections, and identifying characters and setting of a story.



Writing – Our focus will be on writing Personal Narratives! We will be working on capital letters, punctuation, revising our work, word wall words and word spacing.



Social Studies – We will be working on describing rules and how rules promote fairness and responsibility in the school and in the community.



Science – We will work on investigating structures. This fun unit includes making observations, predictions, classifying building materials by properties, and working with slopes and pulleys.

We are looking forward to a fabulous year together!

Mrs. Apple
 Ms. Elgin
 Ms. Kwak
 Ms. Liang
 Mrs. Ramsay
 Mrs. Van de Poll
 Mrs. Mendez

