



First Grade News October, 2009



Dear Parents:

We have successfully completed the first month of school! The students are settling into school routines nicely. Some activities that your child will be involved in this month are listed below.

Reading:

Initial reading assessments of the students have been completed and instructional groups have begun. We continue to do reading assessments as needed. Reading is taught daily from 9:15 to 10:45. We are reading stories and books aloud and silently. We are also beginning an author unit on Eric Carle.

Writing:

We are practicing our handwriting often. We are also developing our writing skills in our journals. We are developing sentence writing skills with proper punctuation and capitalization.

Spelling:

We have begun our formalized spelling program during the reading block. Please see attached letter for further information.

Math:

Unit one is being taught in math groups. We have made September and October calendars. We have been working on counting (by 2's, 5's and 10's), patterns, addition and subtraction skills and solving story problems.

Social Studies and Science:

The Science unit, Rock, Sand, and Soil and the Social Studies unit, Why Rules are Important is also being taught. We will be studying worms sometime this month– stay tuned!

Special Dates and Events:

Friday, October 2nd: 12:30 Dismissal, Teacher Planning

Monday, October 12th: Open House, 9:30– 11:30

Friday, October 16th: No School, MSTA Conference

Friday, October 30st: Field Trip to Imagination Stage in the morning and Halloween! Our room parents will be making the arrangements for the parties. You will be contacted as needed. Thanks for your continued support.

The First Grade Team