



First Grade Newsletter

August & September

We can hardly believe that we are in our 1st break of the school year. Your children have already shown much progress in all areas of first grade. They have made many friends and seem to be enjoying coming to school. We enjoyed meeting with you during parent conference week and are looking forward to working together to help all children reach their first grade goals.

Our featured value for August and September is **RESPONSIBILITY** and **COOPERATION!** We have been talking about all the ways first graders can act responsibly and cooperate at school and at home. Please encourage your child to be responsible for their backpack and homework and you will be pleasantly surprised at what they are capable of!!

The children are doing well in math. We are wrapping up Chapter 2 in our math texts, which focus on addition concepts. We are also having fun doing math centers and learning a great deal through the use of manipulatives. The children are learning different techniques to add and subtract numbers.

We have begun reading centers and things are running smoothly. Each day we read with your child in their small reading groups. We appreciate all the parent volunteers that have been helping in the classroom every week. We are continuing our phonics lessons, and of course writing in our writing folders daily. During our writing time, we have been concentrating on writing complete sentences using a noun and verb. During the month of September, we introduced adjectives and are working on stretching our sentences to make them more detailed.

We just started our music program with our music teacher, Ms. Larson, and have great fun singing songs with the other first grade classes. The songs we are singing require the children to practice their rhyming skills as well as the alphabet.



First Grade Newsletter

August & September

September 21st marks the beginning of "Apple Week." We will be doing many fun apple related activities.

Westpark teachers will be attending a District Science Training and will be beginning our science units after the fall break.

Reminders:

Keep reading with your child every night. Help your child study their spelling words and keep practicing their math fluency goals located on our 1st grade website. We are so excited to be working with your children! Thanks so much for all of your help and support thus far!

The First Grade Teachers