

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2nd Quarter of First Grade! We have had a great start to the school year. Students have been working hard to be responsible, respectful, safe, and kind. We will continue to discuss and model these expectations as they are part of our school-wide positive behavior system.

As we move into the 2nd quarter please be aware that the majority of the 1st quarter has been a heavy review of Kindergarten. In addition, I have done a lot of modeling and completing some assignments with the students to teach how classwork should be completed. I will be releasing responsibility to the students during this quarter.

As we progress through the year, we will still discuss and review previously learned skills. Below you will find some topics of focus throughout Quarter 2.

English Language Arts Focus

- Unit 3- Retelling: Fiction
 - Listen to and discuss a story
 - Explore the story's illustrations
 - Retell the story
 - Identify rhyming words
 - Count syllables
 - Make text- to- text connections
 - Sequence story events and use sequence words to retell events
- Unit 4- Visualizing: Poetry and Fiction
 - Listen to and visualize a poem and a story
 - Identify sensory details and draw mental images
 - Suffix -er
 - Inflectional ending -s
 - Discuss onomatopoeia
 - Punctuation

Math Focus

- Subtraction Strategies
 - Count Back
 - Use Addition to Subtract
 - Use 10 to Subtract
- Addition and Subtraction Relationships
 - Related Facts
 - Find Unknown Numbers
 - Use Addition to Check Subtraction
 - Choose an Operation
 - Equal and Not Equal

** Please make sure your child is practicing Addition and Subtraction facts at home. Especially addition facts that make a 10 and doubles facts.

Reminder Uniform/ Water Bottles

Please make sure your child is bringing only clear water bottles with water in them. Students are not allowed to have juice, propell or any added flavor packets in their water bottles. Students should be in uniform everyday unless otherwise noted. Students can only wear navy blue sweaters and sweatshirts over their uniform shirts.

Attendance

Being at school every day is extremely important to your child's success and quality of education. We begin Language Arts instruction promptly at 8:10, please make sure your child has arrived at school on time so they are ready to begin learning with the whole group.

Tardy: If your child arrives later than 8:10 please provide a note to give the office staff *or* make sure your child is aware if s/he will need a lunch provided from school to notify the office staff when s/he arrives at school. Lunch count is taken as soon as students arrive and are sent to the lunchroom staff first thing in the morning.

Absent Work

If your child is absent, all missed work will be sent home when your child returns to school. For every 1 day absent, your child will have 2 days to complete and return the work. Absent work *cannot* be sent home prior to an absence.

Homework

While Homework is not graded and entered in the gradebook, please make sure your child is completing the homework on a nightly basis.

Math is assigned on a daily basis, any worksheets must be completed and returned the following school day.

Reading: Please make sure that students are reading or are being read to for at least 20 minutes every day.

Green Folder & Student Planner

**Reminder: Check your child's green folder (left at home) and student planner on a nightly basis. We write our exact homework assignments in our planner. Your child's folder should not have any papers on the "left at home" side when returning to school the following day. There is a lot of confusion at school when there are papers left in the folder.

Raz Kids

Over the years, we have seen tremendous growth through the regular use of Raz Kids at home in addition to support every student is receiving in the classroom. If your child does not have access to a tablet, smartphone, or computer to access Raz Kids at home please let me know.

Schedule

Recess & Lunch: 10:30- 11:15

Enrichment: 12:55-1:55 schedule is the same as the 1st Quarter.

Monday & Tuesday-gym

Wednesday-theatre

Thursday & Friday-Art

Halloween

We will celebrate Halloween on Monday, October 31st. Students may wear appropriate costumes to school. Please refrain from sending weapons and accessories. There are 19 students in the class. All treats must be individually wrapped. A pizza order form was sent home last week-please make sure to return that as soon as possible. Students will also receive a capri sun to drink.

Report Cards/ Parent Teacher Conferences

1st Quarter Report Cards will be sent home on Wednesday, October 26th. I will be sending all families an email on Thursday about scheduling optional conversations/conferences. CPS scheduled Monday, November 21st. for optional in-person conferences, but we do have some flexibility to talk via phone or google meet before that time. Please be on the look out for my email on Thursday as it will have more information about conferences.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wiseman