

# First Grade Newsletter

## Friday, August 24, 2018

This week, in First Grade, we were busy adjusting to our new routine and getting to know one another. First Grade is a big change in so many ways and your children are working hard and trying their best. If, at any time, you have questions or concerns, please let me know. Again, my email address is [michelle.thomas@gobethany.com](mailto:michelle.thomas@gobethany.com).

I do not have everyone's emergency form for the new school year. Please turn them in as I need to know pick-up people, allergies and emergency contacts for your child. Thank you!

If you have not sent your child's school supplies to class please do so as soon as possible. I plan to check backpacks sometime today, to make sure our students have brought everything into the classroom.

We love to celebrate birthdays in our classroom! If you want to send a treat to class on your child's special day, please let me know in advance and plan for the treat to be served during our afternoon recess (1:30/1:45). Please do not feel obligated to send a treat, as we always acknowledge birthdays in the classroom with a song and a trip to the classroom prize box! For those of you with summer birthday students, we will celebrate their special day before summer break.

Today, your child will go home with their first homework packet. Homework packets will go home every Friday and will be due the following Friday. The homework packet is designed to give your student the opportunity for review, practice and the development of good study habits. The packet will include; a reading log (I encourage students to read or be read to 15-20 each day), weekly spelling words, a Bible verse from the week's Bible lesson (the verse does not have to be memorized) and work pages. Everything in the homework packet is something we covered in class. Be available to help your student with the studying of the spelling words and reading of directions. They should be able to complete the packet without too much help otherwise. At times I may put extra practice in the packet specific to your child. Please let me know if your child seems to be struggling with the assignments in the packet.

Also going home today is your student's first Word Wave. Word Waves will be used in First Grade to practice sight words in the same manner that Rainbow Words were used in Kindergarten. See the blue Word Wave page in this week's homework folder for all the details.

Tonight is movie night at Bethany! The movie is Disney's "Coco". The movie and popcorn is free. Other snacks and bottled water will be provided for a small fee. This is a great time for fun and fellowship!

God's Blessings,  
Mrs. Thomas