

## Miss Mathews 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Combo Class

8/27/2021

Happy Friday Parents! I hope everyone had a fantastic week. This week we really nailed down our classroom rules! The students are getting into the groove of things in our classroom. We are still working on what it means to work independently and when its ok to talk with our friends. It has taken some practice to remember that class time is for working and recess is for playing with our friends! They are definitely getting better at it!

This week our bible story was about Noah. We learned that God created the world and that he sent a flood to cleanse the world of its wickedness. We learned what baptism is and some students shared about their baptism. We talked about the rainbow and how it symbolizes that God will never flood the Earth again. In history, we have been working on a geography packet. They are learning about the continents and oceans. We talked about a globe and how we can use it to find different places in the world. We learned about a compass rose and how it is used to figure out where we are in the world. We will continue with our geography packet next week. Both classes will take a spelling test every Friday, as well as, recite their bible verse! Each grade will take a test in ELA on Fridays as well. This test covers reading comprehension, grammar and spelling words.

**Snack/Lunch:** Please make sure your child has enough nutritious food in their lunch. Because we are learning, many children tend to eat a lot during the day. Many students are hungry in the afternoon and don't have an extra snack in their lunch. Also, if your child goes to extended care in the afternoon, they need to have an after school snack. Extended care does not provide snacks for the children and they are usually looking for something to eat at this time.

**Sight Words:** First grade is working on word waves! I am currently working on sight word lists for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I was hoping to have them done this week, but I have not gotten to finish them. My goal is to start sending home second grade sight words next Friday. I am trying to encourage the students to really work on their sight words. All student who can read all word waves for my first graders and all sight word lists (the ones I'm still working on) for second grade, will get to have a pizza party at the end of the year. If all of my student's finish word waves and sight word lists before the end of the year, we will have a party before the year ends!

**First Grade:** In ELA, the children read the story What is a Pal? We talked about different ways we can be a pal/friend to those around us. We talked about blending CVC words and short a words. In grammar, we learned about nouns for people and animals. We also started talking about proper nouns. We talked about what it means to write a complete sentence. We are working on writing in complete sentences whenever possible. In math, we are working on our numbers. We want to make sure we are writing our numbers properly. We are also working on our addition facts and getting really fast at quick addition!

**Second Grade:** In ELA, we read the story Henry and Mudge. We used a Venn diagram to compare and contrast Mudge and other animals. We working on similarities and differences between many things. In grammar, we learned how to find the subject and predicate in complete sentences. We looked at many different sentences to determine if they are complete sentences and then found the subject and predicate in the sentences. We will continue to work on writing in complete sentences and adding detail to what we write.

**Classroom Volunteers:** I know many parents have asking about volunteering in the classroom. We will have different volunteer opportunities such as field trips and class parties. I usually don't need parent volunteers in the classroom during the day since we have Miss Cindy or Miss Paden in our class as a classroom aide. If anyone would like to take home weekly or occasion grading for partnership hours, please let me know. I can send home packets, tests and other papers for parents whenever I have them.

**Homework Packets:** Homework will go home in homework folders. Their homework is due next Friday 9/3. If your child finishes their homework early, they are more than welcome to turn it in before Friday. Please make sure they are turning in their homework folders as well. This will help keep their new homework packet safe and allows me to send home some work we have done during the week.

**Days to Remember:** Monday's we have music with Ms. Brianna. This is a regular school uniform day. Tuesday's and Friday's we will have PE. Students are to wear their PE clothes on these day. Wednesday's are chapel day. Students are to wear their chapel uniform. Thursday's are regular school uniform.

**Supplies:** Here are some things we need for our class that can be used for partnership hours:

- Swiffer wet mop pads (any brand)
- Clorox wipes
- Lysol
- Cleaner such as 409, Pinesol, Clorox Clean-up, etc.
- Hand Soap
- Treasure box toys (these can be bought at the dollar store- small toys, playdough, pencils, stickers, or anything else you can think of)

**Partnership Hours:** Please make sure you are filling out partnership hours **monthly** and turning them in. If you purchase anything for our classroom, please keep the receipt and attach it to the partnership hours' form. I will sign it off and turn it into the office for you.

**Consumables:** Every child is responsible for consumables for the class. A list of consumables is going home in each child's Friday folder. This list will let you know when your child should bring in their consumables.

**Important Dates:**

8/27: Minimum Day

9/6: Labor Day! No school!

9/7: Apples for the Arts Fundraiser Starts  
9/15: Picture Day- Chapel Dress  
9/24: Minimum Day

**First Grade Spelling Words (short vowel i):**

1. if
2. is
3. him
4. rip
5. fit
6. pin
7. sit
8. zip
9. bin
10. Tim

**Second Grade Spelling Words (short vowel e, o, u):**

1. wet
2. job
3. hug
4. rest
5. spot
6. mud
7. left
8. help
9. plum
10. nut
11. net
12. hot
13. get
14. not

**Challenge words:**

1. lunch
2. spend

**Bible Verse (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>):**

“Those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” Galatians 3:9