

Miss Mathews 1st and 2nd Combo Class

8/20/2021

Wow! I cannot believe we have finished our first full week of school. The children have really gotten used to our combo class. They are learning how to work together in groups, as well as, independently. We have been going over a lot of school and classroom rules. I continue to remind them that they have to be amazing listeners in my class. They are doing pretty good at this. We will continue to work on working independently and being quiet when I am teaching.

Ms. Judy (our reading specialist) started this week and the kids really seem to love her. During this time, we work in small groups with Ms. Judy, Miss Cindy or Miss Paden, and myself. This allows the students to work with each teacher in a more individualized setting. During this time of day, we are working on our reading and writing.

First Grade Word Waves: Our first graders will start word waves this week. Each student will go home with a word wave. Please practice these words at home. They will need to be able to read the words forwards and backwards on the word wave. Once they can do this, please send the word wave back to school and shoot me an email that lets me know your child is ready to test on their word wave. Once your child has passed five word waves, they will get to go to the treasure box.

Homework Packets: This is our first real homework packet. They will go home in homework folders. Their homework is due next Friday 8/27. 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.

Minute Math: We started minute math this week. Every student starts on day one. I give the students 2 minutes and 45 seconds to complete the minute math. If they finish all 60 problems and get them correct, they will move on to the next day. You will see these come home every week in folders. Many students do not get through all of the problems so you will see some incomplete pages. They do not need to complete them at home and return them, but I would suggest to have them practice these at home. Minute math is used to help them with their addition and subtraction facts. If a child finishes all 100 days, they will move into double digit addition and subtraction (first and second grade), and then multiplication facts (second grade).

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.

Upcoming Dates:

8/27: Minimum Day- Dismissal at noon

9/6: No School

First Grade Spelling Words:

1. am
2. at
3. sat
4. man
5. dad
6. mat
7. cat
8. fan
9. sad
10. can

Second Grade Spelling Words (short vowel a,i):

1. sad
2. dig
3. jam
4. glad
5. list
6. win
7. flat
8. if
9. fix
10. rip
11. kit
12. mask

13. as

14. his

Challenge words:

1. sandwich

2. picnic

Bible Verse (1st and 2nd grade):

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved” Mark 16:16