

Mrs. Hardcastle's First Grade Newsletter

We have had a wonderful first two days of school! We have been going over classroom and school rules. We practiced sitting on the carpet and sitting in our classroom chairs. We are working on raising our hands to ask a question or give an answer. We are also working on slowing down and using our nice, neat handwriting. You will notice we are working on writing our first and last name on all papers, so please make sure they are doing this throughout the year on homework and any paper they do at home. We will continue to work on all of these things over the next couple weeks. We also did some fun first day of school activities and made kites to hang in our classroom.

Next week we will be taking benchmark tests in ELA, math, science and social studies to see where the children are at. These tests do not count against their grade, but does help me know what they remember from Kindergarten. If your child is behind, I will send out emails to let you know what they will need to work on at home to help them succeed in first grade.

Homework/Spelling Words: Our first homework packet is going home today. Their homework packet contains their work for the week and their spelling words. This first week of spelling words are fun words and will not count towards their grade. I will correct the words, but it is a helpful way for them to learn how to take a spelling test. Please make sure you are practicing these words during the week.

Prayer Walk: We will be having an all school pray walk on September 20th from 8:15 to 9:15 am and all are welcome.



Class Birthdays: We love to celebrate birthdays in our class! If you want to celebrate your child at school, please let me know when it gets closer to their birthday if you will be bringing anything in. We can celebrate in many ways: cookies, cupcakes, goodie bags, popsicles, donuts, pizza parties and much more.

Summer Birthdays: I know that children love to celebrate birthdays at school, and our summer birthdays never get to participate in this. If your child has a summer birthday and you would like to send in a treat for the class **next Friday, August 25th**, please let me know. It is a minimum day that day.

After School Pick-up: If you pick your child up after school from the carpool line or walk up, please make sure your child tells me before they leave. The first couple weeks of carpool are a little crazy, but it does get better. I am the carpool lady so I am looking for parents in carpool line and those walking up to grab their kids. As a reminder, I will not dismiss children until we get to the carpool line and do a head count.

Blessings,

Mrs. Hardcastle

Next Week: August 21st to 25th

Spelling Words (Back to School Words):

1. Mrs. Hardcastle
2. Miss Mora
3. fun
4. new
5. first
6. friends