

Mrs. Hardcastle's

First Grade Newsletter

We are working super hard here in first grade. This week we took benchmark tests to show what we know from Kindergarten. The Benchmark tests help me know where my class is in each subject and what they may need to work on more. After the benchmark tests are corrected, I will send out personal emails to parents if their child needs to work on some things at home. Everyone is working on completing work with their nice, neat handwriting. We have been working on when to use capital letters and when to use lowercase letters. In math, we have been working on numbers and representing those numbers with objects. Our bible stories this week were, God Created the World, and Cain and Abel. In social Studies, we started unit 1: Responsible Citizens. We focused on rules and laws and why they are important.

Spelling Tests: Next week will be our first set of spelling words that counts towards your child's grade. Please make sure that you are practicing these at home.

ELA Test: Soon we will start our English and Language Arts tests. This tests your child's comprehension of our weekly story, phonics and vocabulary from the week. I will be reading the questions and answers to the children for the first 8 to 10 tests and then they will start to read it to themselves.

Parent/Student Handbook: A copy of the parent/student handbook is going home in Friday folders. Please make sure you review it. The back page is a paper to sign and have your child sign. Please return the signed paper only by Friday, September 1st.

Homework Expectations: Homework is expected to be completed each week on time. Homework helps the children with current or past concepts that we have learned. Children should write their FIRST and LAST name on every paper. This is to help them write their last names correctly. Every page should be completed. Children should write in their best handwriting. If a page is sloppy, please have them erase it and re-do the page. I cannot grade a paper if it is sloppy and I am unable to read it.

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.

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.

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.



Amazon Wish list: We have an amazon wish list for our class. This wish list has things we will use during the year such as arts & crafts, learning resources, cleaning supplies or classroom necessities. Please print out an invoice and send it to me via email so I can get it to the office so they can give you credit. Here is our wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/8JDNSCULQVOP?ref_=wl_share

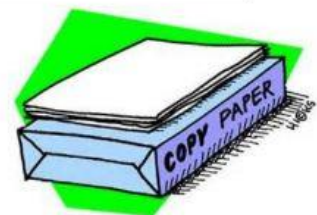
Consumables: Here is a list of the consumables. Please send them in when you can.

“A—L” 1st Semester: August 17, 2023—December 22, 2023

“M—Z” 3rd Semester: January 8, 2024 — June 6, 2024

Each family is asked to provide the following supplies for **each** child’s classroom:

- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 3 Reams White Copy Paper
- 1 Container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 Can of Lysol Spray
- 2 Boxes Kleenex-type facial tissues, non-lotioned
- 1 bottle of Hand Soap



Blessings,

Mrs. Hardcastle

Important Dates to Remember:

8/25: Minimum Day- Dismissal at Noon

9/4: No School- Labor Day

9/13: Picture Day- Chapel Uniform

9/20: All School Prayer Walk

9/25: Minimum Day- Dismissal at Noon

Next Week: August 28th to September 1st

Spelling Words (Short a):

1. am
2. at
3. sat
4. man
5. dad
6. mat

Bible Verse:

“We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19