

Mrs. Hardcastle's First Grade Newsletter

September 1, 2023

This week we finished our benchmark assessments and our one-on-one reading assessments. I will start sending our emails next week to parents about what their child needs to be working on at home. It will take me about 2 weeks to get to everyone so please be patient and know that the results are coming! In ELA, we have been working on our letter sounds, writing capital and lowercase letters, sight words, and beginning and ending sounds. Next week, we will dive right into our academics with our first ELA test on Friday. In math, we worked on writing our numbers properly, representing numbers with objects, right and left, and graphing with more and less. Our bible stories this week were, The Great Flood, and God's Promise to Abram. In Science, we talked about what it means to be a scientist and even did some science art. The children got to make a scientist which we will hang up in our classroom. They are very proud of what they made! In social Studies, we are on unit 1: Responsible Citizens. We focused on respect and responsibility and what those words mean. We talked about how we can be respectful to others and responsible for our things.

Spelling Tests: Friday's we take our spelling tests. Please make sure you are working with your children on their words. Spelling tests will go home in Friday folders. Please go over the words your child missed so they can work on spelling them correctly.

ELA Test: Next Friday, September 8th will be our first 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: Please turn in the last page of your parent/student handbook if you have not turned it in already.

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.

Breakfast: Please make sure your child is eating a good breakfast in the morning. Many children are coming to school first thing in the morning and telling me they are hungry and haven't had breakfast. Our first snack of the day is at 9:50 in the morning which is a long time without food if they haven't had breakfast.

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

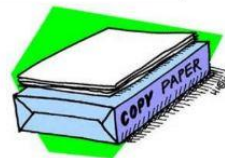
Consumables: Here is a list of the consumables. Please send them in when you can.

“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



Update to Missed Classwork: During our last staff meeting, we talked a lot about missed work for students. This is what has been decided: if your child has an excused absence from school, they are allowed to make up their missed work for full credit as long as it is returned back by the due date on top of the papers. If you turn in a planned absence form for independent study at least 5 days before the planned absence, your child can make up the work for full credit regardless if it is excused or unexcused. The work is due the morning they get back to school from their planned absence. If you do not turn in a planned absence form at least 5 days prior and it is an unexcused absence, your child may not make up the work at all. I hope this helps. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Blessings,

Mrs. Hardcastle

Important Dates to Remember:

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: September 4th to 8th

Spelling Words (Short a):

1. cat
2. can
3. hat
4. has
5. had
6. bat

Bible Verse:

“The Lord is good to all.” Psalm 145:9