

# Mrs. Hardcastle's First Grade Newsletter

## September 15, 2023

This week in ELA, we are really focusing on writing our uppercase and lowercase letters correctly. We worked on the short “i” sound and words that have the short “i” sound. We talked about possessive nouns and how they show ownership of something. Our story this week was “The Storm”. In math, we have been working on writing our numbers correctly, word problems and how to work out those word problems, counting pennies, and finding the number in between two numbers. We took our first math test on Tuesday. Our bible stories this week were, Joseph, and Baby Moses. In science, we have been working on our five senses and will continue to work on this concept for the next couple weeks. In social Studies, we learned about the importance of honesty and working together to be good citizens in our school and community. My class is really working on our listening ear during testing. You may see that your child didn't do as well as you would have liked, and many times it's due to them not listening and paying attention during our testing time. We will really be focusing on this concept for the next couple weeks!

**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. **All writing in homework needs to be in pencil.**

**Word Waves (Sight Words):** Please practice your word waves at home with your children. When your child is able to read all of the words on the page without trouble, **send the paper back to school signed by a parent** so I can test them on it. There are 26 word waves in total 1-6, 1-1 through 1-6, and 7-20. If your child tests and passes all 26 word waves by the end of the year, they will get to have a pizza party with me at the end of the year. The pizza party usually takes place during the last full week of school so make sure you are practicing the sight words and sending them in when your child is ready to test.

**Harvest Festival:** This year our harvest festival and trunk-or-treat is on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. Tabitha Stewart, Aniyah's mom, has volunteered to do our trunk for trunk or treat. We will be asking for 1 bag of candy from every student when it gets closer.

**Apples for the Arts Fundraiser:** Continue to sell those pies for our apples for the arts fundraiser. They are super delicious and great for the holiday time! Order forms and money are due by October 18<sup>th</sup> and pie pickup in on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00PM.

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

**Bethany Prayer Walk**



Wednesday, September 20  
8:15 – 9:15 a.m.

**Meet on the school patio closest to the  
soccer field**

Please join the Bethany Congregation, Bethany staff, families and children as we gather together for a five station prayer walk. We will be praying for our children and families, our church, our nation and all of God's creation. Especially asking for His care and blessings on the coming school year.

Hosted by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

**Dress Code:** As it is getting colder in the mornings, I wanted to remind parents about dress code Children can wear any jacket they would like outside when at lunch and recess, but only solid colored sweatshirts in plain black, navy or grey with a logo smaller than 1 inch, or Bethany logo wear will be permitted in the classroom. Also, **the shoe dress code will be enforced starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, which begins October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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

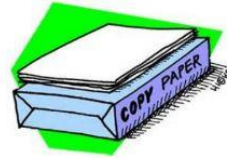
**Consumables:** Here is a list of the consumables. Please send them in when you can.

“A—L” 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: August 17, 2023—December 22, 2023

“M—Z” 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

9/20: All School Prayer Walk

9/29: Minimum Day- Dismissal at Noon

10/18: Apples for the Arts Fundraiser form Due

10/27: Harvest Festival and Trunk or Treat 6:00-8:00PM

## **Next Week: September 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Spelling Words (Short o):**

1. log
2. dot
3. top
4. hot
5. ox
6. lot

### **Bible Verse:**

“Be kind to one another.” Ephesians 4:32

### **Upcoming Tests:**

Wednesday 9/20: Math Test

Friday 9/22: Spelling Test, and ELA Test