

# Mrs. Hardcastle's First Grade Newsletter

## September 8, 2023

This week in ELA, we have been working on writing our uppercase and lowercase letters correctly, as well as, writing our first and last name. We talked about nouns for people and animals. We worked on words with the short a sound and beginning blends. Our story this week was "What is a Pal?". In math, we have been working on numbers and representing those numbers with objects, the concept of more and less, left and right, and writing the date. Our bible stories this week were, God give Abraham and Sarah a son, and Isaac blesses his sons. We talked about how important it is to keep our promises. 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 choices and friendship and how they are important to being a good citizen.

**ELA Test:** This was our first week taking our ELA test. 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. Tests will go home the following Friday in Friday Folders. Please go over the answers they got incorrect. This will help them on future tests.

**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):** Word waves will be going home in Friday folders this Friday. These are our first grade sight words. Please practice these words 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.

**Hot Lunch Pizza Friday:** Hot lunch pizza Friday will be available Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> for students that want to order hot lunch. Order forms are going home in Friday folders. The cost is \$5 for 1 slice and \$7 for 2 slices of pizza. Order forms and money are due by Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>. No late order forms will be accepted. If your child will not be participating in pizza Friday, please send them a lunch from home!

**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:** Last Friday, Apples for the Arts order forms went home. This is a fundraiser for our school. These pies come from Apple Hill and are super tasty. 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)

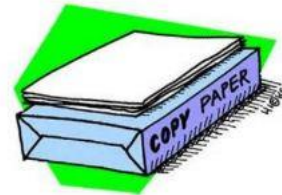
**Consumables:** Here is a list of the consumables. Please send them in when you can.

“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:**

- 9/13: Picture Day- Chapel Uniform
- 9/15: Hot Lunch Pizza Friday
- 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 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**

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

1. if
2. is
3. him
4. rip
5. fit
6. pin

### **Bible Verse:**

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:39