



Mrs. Dafoe's
August 13, 2018

Fantastic First Graders



Tying shoes The kids are having a hard time during the day keeping their shoes tied. Please make sure your child has their shoes tied in double knots when they come to school or help them practice learning to tie their shoes. We just want the kids to be safe and to save time during the day. 😊

Reading This week our focus stories are Curious George Goes to School & School Long Ago.

Genres Fantasy & Informational text

Target skill Sequence of events



Phonics We continue to review letters and sounds. We are working on identifying key words/pictures with each letter and the correct sounds. We are also tapping out our words- hearing all the sounds.

Grammar Action verbs

Spelling This week we will focus on the vowel, o. (short o sound) We continue to work on building words, doing word sorts, and finding words that include short o in our daily readings.

Spelling words this week: log, dot, top, hot, ox, lot

Our challenge words are: shot, clock, shopping

High Frequency Words to know: do, find, funny, sing, no, they

Writing We are working really hard learning about sentence structure. We are doing fix it sentences and scrambled sentences for practice. The kids need to know the difference between an asking and telling sentence. The students are expected to write each sentence with a capital letter and end each sentence with proper punctuation. I keep telling the kids to practice and do their personal best! If you see work come home that is not up to par, let them know you expect more from them just like I do! 😊

Handwriting Many kids are struggling with handwriting. There is a handwriting sheet in your child's homework folder that shows correct formation and spacing. Please make sure when your child is doing his or her homework that they are using correct letter formations as well as starting sentences with a capital letter and using ending punctuation. The more they do it, the better they'll get.

Math We are finishing up our unit on addition this week. The kids are doing great. However, it is very important your child learns to recall math facts quickly and learn different strategies to count. I

have been working hard with them teaching them how to "count on", starting with any given number. Remember, the kids need a solid foundation of knowing addition and subtraction facts by quick recall. The rest will fall into place in time 😊 Practice, practice, practice! Flash cards are wonderful.

Baggy Books Your child will be receiving their baggy books this week. This book is at their own reading level. Make sure your child is practicing reading their baggy books, logging the time on their reading log, and returning it to school to trade for another **every Monday!** Please be careful with the book and return it.

Reading Passage Your child will be bringing home a reading passage at his/her own level on Tuesday. You will see a yellow mark on the passage. This was how far they read in one minute. Your child should practice the whole passage every night until Tuesday. On Tuesday your child will re-read the passage for a minute. Their goal is to read at least 3-4 words more in a minute. Your child is working on sight words and fluency at the same time. Where they finished after the minute will be marked in green. **They will, also, get a new passage every Tuesday. Please leave their passage in the homework folder.**

Weekly Volunteers start this week. Please check the classroom calendar to see your day and time for volunteering. If you did not return the yellow volunteer form and want to be included in volunteering, please send me an email.

ECA Fees Due Sept. 21st * Every student needs to pay these. These costs will cover our field trips and other items. The minimum fee is \$15 but this will not cover our field trips! Families can donate up to \$400 and individuals up to \$200 for tax credit.
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August Birthdays

Jake – 9th
Mason – 21st
Charlie- 24th



Important Dates to Remember

Aug. 16- Hearing & vision testing
Aug. 20- PTO Meeting @ 2:15 – Media Center
Aug. 20- PTO Read-a-thon PLEDGING begins
Aug. 27- PTO Read-a-thon READING begins
Aug 29 ½ day- parent/teacher conferences
Aug. 30 – ½ day parent/teacher conferences
Mon. Sept. 3 No school-Labor day!
Sept. 19- Barros Pizza Fundraiser
Sept. 28 Donuts with dads

Have a great week 😊

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"When someone is taught the joy of learning it becomes a lifelong process that never stops, a process that creates a logical individual." ~Marva Collins