



Mrs. Dafoe's  
August 9, 2021



# 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.

**Social Sciences** This week we will be focusing on being able to solve problems on our own. We will focus on strategies and words to use. For example, "I don't like it when you....It makes me feel...Next time could you please...."

**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.

## August Birthdays

Avery -29



## Important Dates to Remember

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting – library – 5:30

Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> – DIBELS testing

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences - Early Release days, PTO Subway & Zoyo Restaurant Night

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – No school – Labor Day

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Raise Craze

Sept. 13 – PTO Meeting – park – 5:30

Sept. 20 – Student Council Spirit Week – more info. to come

Sept. 24 – Grading Period ends

Sept. 27- Sept. 11 – Fall Intersession

Have a great week 😊

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