



Fantastic First Graders

CONFERENCE info: Don't forget Wednesday and Thursday are half days for parent teacher conferences. Dismissal is at 11:40. Please plan accordingly. Don't forget your scheduled time you signed up for. I will send a link the morning of your conferences. I have conferences back-to-back and only have 20 minutes with each of you.

Reading This week our focus stories are Gus Takes the Train & City Zoo.

Genres Fantasy & Informational text

Target skill Story structure

Grammar Adjectives



Vocabulary Strategies synonyms

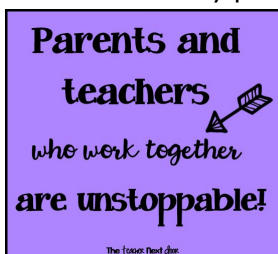
Spelling This week we will focus on the vowel, u, (short u sound) We continue to work on building words, doing word sorts, mixing up sentences and finding words that include short u in our daily readings. We also play spelling sparkle & spelling battleship! Lots of fun ways to practice spelling.

Spelling words this week: nut, hug, tub, mud, bug, up

Our challenge words are: brunch, umbrella, stump
High Frequency Words to know: hold, many, pull, friend, full, good

Math We start our subtraction unit this week. I will introduce new vocabulary such as difference, take away, minus, how many more, subtraction, etc. I will be teaching various strategies to subtract as well. We have also been working on our CUBES strategy to solve word problems. Ask your child what each of the letters tells them to do in the word problem.

Writing We continue to work on sentence structure. The kids need to be writing a complete thought and start their sentence with a capital letter and end the sentence with punctuation. The kids will also be fixing up sentences, ABC order, and writing a friendly letter to the birthday student and in our family journal for practice.



Weekly Tests: I have been reading aloud the directions and all of the questions to the students for their weekly tests. I am teaching & reminding the kids how to read directions on all their work, helping them become independent.

Progress Reports Progress Reports will be sent home the day after your conference. Please remember these are confidential and shouldn't be shared with others as we are all different learners. Thank you for your support with this.

Experts Your child will become an expert and introduce/teach the class about an upcoming unit. I read the choices they could choose from aloud and let them pick which one they wanted. I have posted the expert schedule, detailed information and dates on my website.

<http://www.mychangerschools.org/Page/39980>

Sept. 7 Living and Nonliving – Avery

Sept. 13 Johnny Appleseed - Kaden

Oct. 12 Spiders - Nick

Help with....finding pages in books

A lot of kids are struggling with finding page numbers in our books. For example, if I say, "Go to page # 46." Many kids are so confused, they start at # 1 or start at 90, etc. It takes us forever to get our lesson going. Please work on this at home with your child. It would help me immensely! Anytime they read a book, work on finding page numbers. THANK YOU in advance!

Important Dates to Remember

- Aug. 20th – Book Order due
- Aug. 25th & 26th – Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences - Early Release 11:40 am, PTO Subway & Zoyo Restaurant Night
- Aug. 27th - 1st Grade Shirt order due
- Sept. 6th – No school – Labor Day
- Sept. 8th – 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!

~Mrs. Wendy Dafoe~

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Aug. 29 - Avery

