



Fantastic First Graders



Reading This week our focus stories are Jack and the Wolf & The Three Little Pigs.

Genres Fable and Fairy tale

Target skill Understanding the characters and the message in the story.

Grammar Complete sentences

Vocabulary Strategies Shades of meaning



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

Spelling words this week: an, bad, can, had, cat, ran

Our challenge words are: family, standing, headstand

High Frequency Words (sight/trick words): away, call, come, every, hear, said

***Remember, these are words the kids need to learn by sight. You cannot sound out these words phonetically.**

Writing We continue learning about the importance of doing our personal best in writing for everything we do in class including seatwork, papers for practice, journals, and friendly letters. I encourage and expect the students to stay in the lines and write neatly. I will continue to teach them sentence structure, and they are still working on using a capital letter at the beginning of each sentence and use proper ending punctuation such as a period, question mark, or exclamation point. When you see papers come home sloppy or words not in or on the lines, please help me by letting them know you would also like them to try a little harder. Every step is in the right direction, and I know they can do it!

Math We are working on subtraction and various subtraction strategies including part-part-whole, number sentences, across and down, drawing pictures, number lines, counting up, counting back, using manipulatives and solving to decide if an answer is true or false.

“Teach our kids to use what talents they have; the woods would be silent if no bird sang except those who sang the best.” ~Anonymous

Social Sciences This week will learn all about schools of the past and present. We will compare and contrast what schools were like back in the “old days” and how they are now.

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 on our website.

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

Sept. 7 Living and Nonliving – Avery

Sept. 13 Johnny Appleseed - Kaden

Oct. 12 Spiders - Nick

Baggy Books Please remember to have your child read the baggy books I send home. These books are extensions of my lessons. **Please make sure that your child brings his/her book on Mondays.** Your child can only get a new one if they turn in their old one and can read it fluently and comprehend the text. 😊 Work towards mastering it before sending it in with your child.

Important Dates to Remember

- Aug. 27th - 1st Grade Shirt order due by 3 pm
- 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



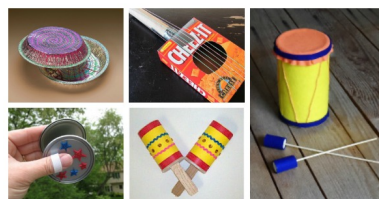
Have a great week!

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| Aug. 29 - Avery |
| Sept. 17- Jackson |
| Sept. 19 - Aria |
| Sept. 23 - Presley |
| Sept. 27 - Alhan |



Donation Request.... Please send in your empty tissue boxes, cereal boxes, coffee cans or anything else you think might create a cool instrument. 😊 We are going to do a cool STEM activity the week of the 19th.