



Mrs. Dafoe's  
August 16, 2021

# Fantastic First Graders

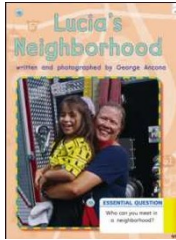


**Reading** This week our focus stories are Lucia's Neighborhood & City Mouse & Country Mouse.

**Genres** Informational text & Fable

**Target skill** Text and graphic features

**Grammar** Adjectives- Words that describe



**Spelling** This week we will focus on the vowel, e (short e sound). We continue to work on building words, doing word sorts, and finding words that include short o in our daily readings. We also play "Spelling Sparkle" for practice, and the kids love it!

**Spelling words this week:** yet, web, pen, wet, leg, hen

**Our challenge words are:** bench, dentist, penmanship

**High Frequency Words to know:** all, does, here, me, my, who

**Vocabulary words your child will be introduced to:** canvas, important, rhythm, combinations, row, ease

**Grades** You have seen papers and tests coming home regularly in your child's backpack. Here is the breakdown for you. If you still have questions, please don't hesitate to ask or email me 😊

**MS**= Meets the Standard (80%-100%)

**P**= Progressing (70%-79%)

**AC**= Area of Concern (69% and below)



**Writing** We continue to work on sentences: building, unscrambling, and using a capital letter and proper ending punctuation. It is very important the kids learn these skills. Even with many reminders, they struggle remembering to apply it to their writing. When they work on homework, please make sure they use punctuation, proper spacing and a capital letter to begin every sentence. You'll see on their weekly dictation test if they are applying these skills regularly and independently.

**Social Science** This week we learn more about communities and their helpers.

## Math

This week we are reviewing strategies for addition and reviewing previous concepts taught.



\*During our math block we continually work on addition and subtraction facts any extra chance we get. Knowing basic math facts builds a strong foundation for harder concepts still to come. The students are expected to know addition facts 0-20. Anytime you are in the car or kitchen or doing things around the house, ask your child a math story problem such as..."If I just cut 5 slices of cheese, and then I cut 8 more slices, how many slices of cheese do I have in all?" Child's answer; "13 slices of cheese.  $5+8=13$ ." ~These little scenarios really help the kids get accustomed to math vocabulary and figuring out story problems which use higher order thinking skills! Always ask them **how** they figured out their answer.

**CONFERENCES** You have until 8 am Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to sign up for conferences. **Everyone will need to sign up. I will assign times after 8 am. Please contact me if you need an early morning conference time.** I will send you the link for the Meet the morning of your conference. Please make sure to sign in at your scheduled time (not earlier or later, since I have conferences back-to-back and want to give everyone their time).

**Baggy Books** Don't forget to return your baggy book on Mondays. 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! Practice, practice, practice.

## August Birthdays

Avery -29



## Important Dates to Remember

Aug. 17 – School City Assessment

Aug. 19 – Hearing and Vision 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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