



Mrs. Dafoe's
Aug. 20, 2018

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.

Science This week we learn more about motion.

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 Monday morning, August 20th you can go online and schedule your child's conference. A link will open up on the website at 8am for you to click and you can sign up. The times will all be listed. **Everyone will need to sign up. These fill up fast so don't wait! I will NOT be doing the sign ups.**

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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Baggy Books and Reading Passages Don't forget that our baggy book parent comes on Mondays to listen to your child read. 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! Tuesdays your child will be reading to see if they can go faster than the mark in a minutes on their reading passage. Practice, practice, practice.

Important Dates to Remember

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!

~Mrs. Wendy Dafoe~

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