



July 29th, 2019

Mrs. Dafoe's

Fantastic First Graders



Homework Your child is bringing their homework packet home today, and it is due back on Friday. Homework is not meant to be hard, it is a review of our concepts. Please study the spelling words on the front page as well and read at least 15 minutes nightly. The kids will be tested on Friday!

Snacks Please refer to my website on my classroom calendar to check and see when it is your child's turn to send in snack. Make sure you send in enough for 21. <https://www.cusd80.com/Page/22475#calendar8727/20180723/month>

Reading This week our theme story is What is a Pal? This story is all about being a good friend, and it is an informational text. The kids will learn about the main idea and discuss details & summarize.

Grammar This week we will introduce nouns and identify nouns in our stories!

Spelling Our sound this week is working with the short vowel, a. We will be doing word sorts, making words, rainbow spelling, and we'll play spelling sparkle for review. Our first spelling test will be on Friday, and it will include 6 words. Spelling words: **am, at, sat, man, dad, mat.** There will be 3 challenge words: **dash, that, & flat.** Please work with your child on their words using them in sentences so they understand the word. Remember, the goal is for your child to remember how to spell these words and use them in writing regularly, not just to memorize them.



Writing We will be introducing FUNdations to the students. We will work on identifying lines, and making letter formations correctly within the lines *Refer to your homework folder for the correct letter formations.

Math This year we will be using a math program called My Math. We will be working on addition concepts in this unit.

add to join together sets to find the total or sum
plus (+) the sign to show addition $4 + 5 = 9$
equals (=) having the same value as or is the same as $2 + 4 = 6$

addition number sentence $3 + 2 = 5$
Part Part whole



Social Studies This week our theme is friendship, and we will be doing many activities across the curriculum to learn about being a good friend.

1st grade T-shirt design contest! Your child will be bringing home a blank t-shirt paper. He or she can draw a design. We will pick one winner from the entire 1st grade. We will use this design to make real t-shirts to

wear on our field trips. Designs are due by Friday, August 2nd.

ECA Fee (extracurricular activities) must be paid by September 15, 2019. These fees will pay for field trips, etc. **Each child is required to pay at least \$15.00. However, each family can contribute up to \$400.00 for tax credit.** You will go through the Infinite Campus portal, but you'll pay your child's fee through the new system called **InTouch/Touchbase.** The link is titled "**InTouch Fee Payments**" and is located on the left hand side of the screen. The fee must be paid online and this year THERE IS NO CONVENIENCE FEE to make the online payment! *If a Grandparent or community member is interested in making a tax credit donation, they will need to go to the district website, click on the "tax credit" tab at the top of the web page and click "community member". It will take them to the **Chandler Unified School District Online Donation System website** page. Or please feel free to give them this website...<https://az-chandler-lite.intouchreceipting.com/>.

Carpooling

Please consider carpooling with friends as it will help with traffic before and after school.

Routines & Behavior We have been working very hard establishing routines and being responsible 1st graders, following rules! This takes some time, and the kids are doing a great job so far! Don't forget to look in your child's homework for their STOP LIGHT report. This will let you know how your child is doing with behavior and following rules during the school day. Please discuss with your child his/her behavior everyday.

Specials & Homework Folders Don't forget your child's specials calendar was sent home with a cute handprint. You can, also, see all our calendars for the year on our website. Make sure your child is dressed for PE and has tennis shoes to wear. **Please remind your child to bring his/her homework folder to school everyday.** Your child needs it at school in order fill out his/her "stop light" report and take home important papers.

Important Dates to Remember

Aug. 2 – 1st homework packet due, t-shirt design due
Aug. 6 – DIBELS testing
Aug. 9 - PTO Back to School @the Pool - Seville
Aug. 10 - PTO Read-a-thon PLEDGING begins
Aug. 26- PTO Read-a-thon READING begins
Mon. Sept. 2 No school-Labor day!
Sept. 27 - Donuts with dads



August Birthdays
Adam- 10
Easton -12
Evie - 22

Have a super week!

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"Never let a day pass without saying an encouraging word to a child." ~Ruth Graham Bell