



August 5, 2019  
Mrs. Dafoe's



# Fantastic First Graders

**Reading** This week our focus story is, The Storm.

**Genre** Realistic fiction

We will be reading more informational texts including Can it Fix?, I Ran, Sid Pig, and Pam. These books emphasize the shorty "a" and the short "i" vowels we have been studying as well as weather. Our target skill is to infer & predict.

**Phonics** We continue to review letters and sounds. We are working on identifying key words/pictures with each letter and the correct sounds.

**Grammar** Nouns

**Spelling** This week we will focus on the letter I (short i sound). We continue to work on unscrambling mixed up sentences, making words, doing word sorts, and finding words that include short i in our daily readings. We will be focusing on sentence structure and using a capital letter and proper ending punctuation.

**Spelling words this week:** if, is, him, rip, fit, pin

**Our challenge words are:** ship, flick, this

**High Frequency Words to know:** for, have, he, look, too, what

**Writing** We continue to work on writing letters correctly using FUNdations and staying in the lines and using them correctly. Please reinforce this at home when they do their homework packets. We'll also continue learning how to identify and write complete sentences. Your child is learning about using capitals at the beginning of a sentence and also when writing a person's name. I am also emphasizing using the proper ending punctuation at the end of a sentence such as a period or question mark during writing. Ask your child during conversation if the sentence is an asking or telling sentence. How do they know? Would they choose a period or a question mark at the end?

**Math** Our district math curriculum is called "My Math". This program focuses on building a strong math foundation and will get more challenging throughout the year. This week we continue to work on representing and solving addition problems.

**Shoes** Please make sure your child comes to school with his or her shoes tied. We want the kids to be safe! If your child doesn't know how to tie their shoes, now's a great time to help them have fun learning.

**Science** We will be learning all about beams of light. Some of our vocabulary includes reflection, refraction, opaque, transparent, translucent.

**Testing** On Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> your child will be tested in the area of reading and phonics using the Dibels test. Please make sure your child is here and well rested as this is a district benchmark.

I will be doing a lot of various reading assessments on the kids over the next two weeks. I am identifying their strengths and weaknesses in reading. Then I will start sending home baggy books at their reading level and I will start their reading passages (located in homework folder). More information will come home as soon as I finish testing. In the meantime, please continue to have your child read at least 10 minutes a day. Have your child read to you, or take turns with them so they can build their reading skills 😊. **Don't forget to log the book title in their homework packet. A homework grade is given in first grade and the reading log is part of homework.**

**ECA Fees Due Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** \* Every student needs to pay these. These costs go toward 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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## Important Dates to Remember

- Aug. 6 – DIBELS testing
- Aug. 9 - PTO Back to School @the Pool – Seville – 6-8 pm
- Aug. 10 - PTO Read-a-thon PLEDGING begins
- Aug. 16- Art Masterpiece Training 8:45
- Aug. 19 – PTO Meeting @ 2:15
- Aug. 22 – Hearing and Vision Screening
- Aug. 26- PTO Read-a-thon READING begins
- Aug 28 - 1/2 day- parent/teacher conferences
- Aug. 29 – 1/2 day parent/teacher conferences
- Mon. Sept. 2 No school-Labor day!
- Week of Sept. 23 – SPIRIT Week
- Sept. 25 – Barro's Pizza Fundraiser
- Sept. 27 - Donuts with dad

**Have a great week** 😊

~Mrs. Wendy Dafoe~

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**Classroom Website**

[www.mychandlerschools.org/dafoe](http://www.mychandlerschools.org/dafoe)



### Birthdays

Adam- 10

Easton -12

Evie - 22

I CALL MY STUDENTS  
"MY KIDS" BECAUSE  
IN OUR YEAR TOGETHER  
THEY AREN'T JUST KIDS  
ON MY CLASS LIST,  
THEY BECOME A PART  
OF MY HEART.



**"There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million!"**

~Walt Steightiff