

The "Bear" Facts

Greetings from Mrs. Lowry's First Grade

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Bible: Our focus for the week is on the Heavenly Family. There are two memory verses to learn for Friday!

"All Scripture is given by God." 2 Timothy 3:16
"The Lord is our God. He is the only Lord."

Deuteronomy 6:4

Phonics: We have started Unit 1 which is a review of the letters and their sounds. The unit also incorporates handwriting and forming the lowercase letters on the correct lines. There are no trick words in this unit.

Reading/Language Arts: Reading Logs begin on Monday. The Log will be in your child's folder each Monday. Remember to read everyday and return the Reading Log on Friday morning, signed and ready to hand in. We will continue to do various reading activities related to the book "Polar Bear, Polar Bear".

Writers' Workshop - this will also start next week. The children will learn how to write everyday stories about their life!

Math: We will continue working on Chapter 1 where we are helping the children learn to read, spell and recognize their numbers from 0 - 10.

Social Studies/Science: Social Studies will be taught first. We will begin with a mini-unit about the American Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dates to remember:

August 24 - Magazine Fund-Raiser Kick-off
August 27 - First Grade Curriculum Night,
6 p.m. in the classroom

August 28 - Campus Day - school ends at
NOON - further details next
week

September 19 - Class Picnic ☺

Welcome to First Grade! It is good to have your child in the classroom. We are going to have a great year.

The first day of school was traumatic for Alexis, her family and the rest of the children. Your child may have come home and told you about it. At this time, please remember Alexis and her family in your prayers. Alexis will return to our classroom on Monday.

As most of you know, I have a lively group of boys and a few girls! We are in for some fun-times this school year. Our days will never be dull! There is a lot of energy and knowledge among the group.

This week we have spent a lot of time on procedures and establishing our class expectations (rules). I will share them with you at our Curriculum Night on Thursday, August 27, at 6:00 p.m.

On the left side of this note you will always find a brief synopsis of what we will be doing in the classroom, the FOLLOWING week. Please read it carefully. There are two short memory verses for next Friday. There will be a Reading Log due next Friday as well. Remember that if your child does not read yet, you will read to them for the ten minutes.

The school-wide magazine fund-raiser begins on Monday. Usually orders are due each Thursday and the campaign lasts about 3 weeks. Thank you for supporting OJA with your orders.

There may be some confusion regarding lunch. Please remember that the menu you were given at Open House is your order form. ALL lunches MUST be

ordered the week before. Orders should be in the classroom by Thursday morning at the latest, for the next week. This week there IS pizza, so for this week ONLY, you can send in \$4 on Friday for Pizza. There are no charges this year as all orders are PRE-PAID, including Pizza on Fridays.

Several children have complained this week that they are hungry and they did not have breakfast. Please, please, please allow time in the morning for your child to eat a good breakfast. Lunch in First Grade is 11:30 a.m. Your child will do much better if their tummy is full when they get to school.

You received a letter this week explaining that there will be a Grade 1-5 choir. This choir will meet each Friday, beginning on August 28. It is not mandatory, but encouraged! The children who remain in the room will have an extra 45 minutes of Literacy Rotations. This will mean that the ones who choose choir will not miss a specific lesson and will have no work to make up.

Remember First Grade Curriculum Night, Thursday, August 27, 6:00 p.m. It should be finished by 7:15 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there.

DIBEL's and some informal tests will be administered next week.

Please mark Sabbath, September 19 on your calendar. This will be our class picnic day. Look for more details later.

Please check the school website for more general all school activities.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Lowry ☺