

# The “Bear” Facts

## Greetings from Mrs. Lowry’s First Grade

### WHAT ARE WE DOING?

**Bible:** Our focus for the week is on the First Family. There is one memory verse to learn for Friday!

“The Father has loved us so much! He loved us so much that we are called the Children of God.” 1 John 3:1

**Phonics:** We are working on 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. The unit test will be on FRIDAY, September 4.

**Reading/Language Arts:** Remember to read each night and write it down on the Reading Log. This week we will be focusing on Literacy Rotations - how to move around the classroom, what to do in each section, etc.. We will start our first Pathways book after Labor Day.

Writers’ Workshop - this will be starting soon! The children will learn how to write everyday stories about their life!

**Math:** We will be working on Chapter 1, lessons 2 and 3. The children will be comparing numbers and making number patterns.

**Social Studies/Science:** We will continue with the Social Studies mini-unit about the American Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Dates to remember:**

August 27 - First Grade Curriculum Night, 6 p.m. in the classroom

August 28 - Campus Day - school ends at NOON

September 7 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

September 9 - Class/Individual Picture Day

September 19 - Class Picnic ☺

We have had a busy week! The children are beginning to get into the routines of First Grade. We are glad that Alexis is much better and has joined us again. We also welcome Emily Gallego! We are so glad that her family was able to send her back to OJA this year.

Tonight is THE night!! I hope to see all of you in my classroom at 6:00 p.m. for Curriculum Night! I am sorry that I cannot provide child care. You are welcome to bring something quiet for your child to do and they can be in the hallway right outside the classroom.

TOMORROW - Friday - will be our Campus Day. This is a whole school community building time! Lots of games and fun. Your child does not have to wear uniform. They can come in play clothes! Remember that school ends at NOON. We will be having lunch at our regular time - 11:30 a.m. so if you ordered pizza for your child they will have it, or you will need to send in a lunch as you have been doing!

Remember that lunch orders for next week, were due in the classroom this morning. Please plan a week ahead!

Tomorrow is your child’s first Memory Verse test! As I am sure you have discovered they already know it! We have reviewed it everyday in class.

Choir begins tomorrow. If you have not signed your child up for it, it is not too late! I will have more forms available at the meeting tonight.

Today a new phone system was installed in the office. This allows for many more options than the previous phone system. Each teacher now has their own

virtual voicemail box where messages can be left. When I receive my number, I will pass it on to you. I will be checking my voicemail before 8:00 a.m. and again after 3:30 p.m. If there is something you need me to know immediately, during the school day, you will still need to call the office.

Library and Spanish will be starting next week. Spanish is on Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and Library is on Tuesday from 2:15 - 2:45 p.m. Please be sure that your Library Contract form has been filled out so that your child will be able to check out a book on Tuesday.

The school-wide magazine fund-raiser began on Monday. Orders are due each Thursday for the next 3 weeks. Thank you for supporting OJA with your orders.

Each child in First Grade will be tested this next week with the DIBEL’s test. Please make sure that your child has a good breakfast each day. Last week’s letter stated that the DIBEL’s testing was this past week - sorry, I was a week ahead of myself!

Our classroom focus during Reading time this next week, will be on Literacy Rotations. The children already know which color group they will be in. It takes lots of practice to be sure that everything runs smoothly! Our practice will begin 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 fantastic weekend!*

*Mrs. Lowry ☺*