

The “Bear” Facts

Greetings from Mrs. Lowry’s First Grade

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Bible: Our focus this week is on the Temptation in the Garden and the First Death. There is one memory verse to learn for Friday! M.V. “It was by faith that Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. God said He was pleased with the gifts Abel offered.” Hebrews 11:4

Phonics: Unit 2 will start on Tuesday. This is a two week unit. Look for the home package in your folder today. Remember to practice the trick words each night. Our focus is on making CVC words - consonant vowel consonant - the vowel is short in all of these words!

Reading/Language Arts: Remember the Reading Log! This week we will continue focusing on Literacy Rotations - how to move around the classroom, what to do in each section, etc.. We need more time and so will not be starting Pathways until September 14.

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

Math: Chapter 1 test will be TUESDAY. We will then start working on Chapter 2.! The children will be learning about Number Bonds (fact families).

Social Studies/Science: We will begin our first Science unit about plants and animals and their different habitats.

Dates to remember:

September 7 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
 September 9 - Class/Individual Picture Day
 September 10 - Grandparents Day
 September 19 - Class Picnic ☺

Thank you for coming to the Curriculum Night last Thursday. Hopefully a lot of your questions were answered! I am happy to meet with you again, should you have other questions or comments.

Life has been busy in our classroom this week. Yesterday each child planted some bean seeds in our school garden. Everyone is anxious to watch them grow! Thank you Mr. Jones for helping us with this. We look forward to doing more learning outdoors, as the months go by.

Here are a few housekeeping items that need your attention:

- * No School on Monday due to Labor Day
- * all choir forms must be signed and handed in by TOMORROW - either yes or no - choir begins this week
- * the Spanish letter needs to be signed and returned - this was your child’s homework this week!
- * remember that lunch orders are due one week ahead and this includes the pizza orders for Fridays

* School Picture Day is Wednesday, September 9 - all children will have their picture taken, however, if you would like a photo package you will need to fill out the envelope/form in the folder and include the money

- * class pictures will also be taken
- * DIBEL’s testing will continue next week

* snacks are available, for purchase, in the lunch room, each day

Memory Verse test is tomorrow and your child’s first Phonics test - Unit 1.

The phonics test will consist in the children writing the alphabet in lowercase letters and then writing the letter when I give them the sound.

There will only be one memory verse next week, instead of the two listed in the syllabus. It is a short week!

Several children have asked if they can bring balls to play with at recess time. If your child has a ball or jump rope, or other playground type toys, they are welcome to bring them, keep them in their backpack until recess, share/play with them at recess, and return them to their backpack after recess.

Today is the second magazine order turn-in day! Next Thursday will be the third and final turn-in day for orders. Thank you for helping your child to get orders and in turn help OJA.

Please note that the Chapter 1 Math test will now be on Tuesday and not tomorrow as originally scheduled. The children need an extra day to do some more practice!

Please mark Sabbath, September 19 on your calendar. This will be our class picnic day. A flyer is in your child’s folder today.

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

*Have a great Labor Day weekend!
 Mrs. Lowry ☺*