

# The “Bear” Facts

## Greetings from Mrs. Lowry’s First Grade

### WHAT ARE WE DOING?

**Bible:** Our focus this week is on the story of Noah and then Abraham. There are TWO memory verses to learn for Friday!

M.V.s “Always remember these commands I give to you today. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and walk along the road. Talk about them when you lie down and when you get up.”

Deuteronomy 6:6 & 7

“It was by faith Abraham obeyed God’s call to go to another place that God promised to give him.” Hebrews 11:8

**Phonics:** Unit 2 continues. This is a three week unit. 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! Practice making CVC words at home - writing for neatness and also spelling words correctly.

**Reading/Language Arts:** Remember the Reading Log! We will continue focusing on Literacy Rotations - how to move around the classroom, what to do in each section, etc.. We are still in the practice stage! It takes several weeks of practice to run rotations smoothly.

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

**Math:** Continuing with Chapter 2! The children are learning about Number Bonds (fact families).

**Social Studies/Science:** We will begin our first Science unit about plants and animals and their different habitats. (Living and Non-Living Things)

#### Dates to remember:

September 19 - Class Picnic ☺

Thank you in advance for helping Grandparents Day be a success. The children have prepared a program, including playing the handbells for the first time! I have every confidence that the afternoon will be great!

Thank you to the children who have been helping you to read with them each night. Many of the children have surpassed the 10 minute minimum. Please remember that each night is 10 minutes or more - if you read 20 minutes one night, you cannot count that for two days of 10 minutes!!! Regular reading is what helps children become better readers. The more a child reads, or follows as you read, the better reader they will be.

Pictures were taken yesterday. Some of you may be wondering about the class picture and why you didn’t pay for it yet. We have changed the company and this company will send a proof to you (via me!) and then you can decide if you would like a class picture and pay for it at the time you order.

Lunch times are going quite well. There are a couple of things I would like to mention - please, please be sure to send in the right utensils for your child’s lunch. There is no access to the kitchen this year and so there are no extra spoons or forks. The other item is that the menu is going through some changes, so look for the new menu in your child’s folder next week. The orders for next week are already in the computer, so remember you have to order a week ahead of time. Once the menus are established, you

should be able to order a month at a time.

By the time you receive this letter, most of the children in my room will have had their DIBEL test! Mrs. Rivera is working hard to get all the children in K-3 DIBEL’ed by the middle of next week!

Snacks are available, for purchase, in the lunch room, each day. This is an on-going fund-raiser for Grade 6.

Memory Verse test is tomorrow and the weekly trick word/phonics assessment. We have been working on writing and spelling the number words zero to ten and the three trick words for this unit - and, the, a. Please review these words with your child each night.

Library Day for my class is Tuesday. Please help your child put their Library book into their backpack on Monday night, so that they can take a new book out of the Library, each week.

ALL Magazine orders should be returned to the office by Monday. The official last turn in day for orders was today. Thank you for supporting OJA.

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

Did you read the new OJA monthly newsletter that was in your child’s folder on Monday? Check it out!

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

*Have a wonderful weekend!*

*Mrs. Lowry ☺*