

September News



First Grade

Welcome to First Grade!

We are so excited to start this new school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer. This year will be full of excited new adventures and challenges! Please remember to send your child in with a nut free snack and a water bottle daily! We work very hard and need to replenish throughout the day. Students are expected to read nightly either to you or you to them. Know Your School Night is September 12. We will be telling you about the curriculum, how our day is planned and upcoming activities. Please note, this is not a time we will be discussing individual students. See you then!

Reading

This month we will be completing initial benchmark assessments. When they are completed, students will be receiving book bags each week with his/her books at his/her reading level. We will be reviewing many concepts this month as well. We will begin with classroom expectations and routines. We will then move on to our science and social studies units- learning about leaves, apples and Johnny Appleseed. We will culminate our learning on October 1st with a field trip to the apple orchard. While we are there, we will pick our own apples, observe farming methods, and even have our own taste test! It will be a great month!

Important Dates

September 5th-13th- Scholastic Book Fair
September 12th 6:00pm-8:00pm -Know Your School Night

September 16th- 6:30 p.m. PTG meeting

September 20- 6:00 p.m. ice cream social

Writing

Our first graders are so excited to begin growing as "writing superstars!" Before beginning our SRSD TIDE writing, we will spend the month of September getting ready. We will do this by practicing self-talk, a method of perseverance when overcoming writing-obstacles. We persevere by saying phrases like "I can do it!" or "I won't give up!" or "I will keep trying!" We will also prepare ourselves by building our writing stamina. We will practice writing words, phrases, and longer sentences to get ready. You can help by checking in with your child to make sure they continue to persevere, and use proper spacing, punctuation, and capitalization.

Math

This month we begin Topic 1 in our Envisions curriculum. In topic 1, we will be introduced to various concepts regarding addition and subtraction to 10. During this time, students will be introduced to word problems that involve putting numbers "together" and will then be asked to "take from". You can guide your child through the word problems by reading them and using manipulatives around the house. We will also be introducing a new computer program called ST Math. Students will be introduced to many challenges that use online manipulatives to overcome mathematical challenges. FYI, we will be sending home math homework daily except Fridays.