

Welcome to First Grade,

This will be a positive year for your child as we build on past successes and learn new things in first grade. With home and school working together, your child's academic and social skills will become even stronger throughout the year.

By the end of first grade, the expectation is for a child to add and subtract within 20 fluently. They will be able to count from any number up to 120. When your child enters first grade, the expectation is that they should be reading at a level D/E and when they leave first grade the expectation is that they are reading on a level J. Our goal is that all students will be able to read with fluency and comprehension at the end of the school year.

One thing you'll notice that may be a change for you is a direct decrease in the number of worksheets your child brings home. While worksheets keep students busy, they do not really result in the high level of learning we want for your child. Instead, your child will be taught to select "good fit books" or books they can independently read, understand, and are interested in, which they will read during Daily 5. They will be

spending most of their time actually reading, which research supports as the number one way to improve reading.

Here is some important information about our day:

- The school day begins at 8:15 and ends at 2:25.
- Monday - Thursday your child will bring home their homework folder. This folder will contain items that you will need to look through daily. Some items will require you to sign and return them to school. It is important that your child brings this folder back to school each day.
- We do appreciate our parent volunteers! If you are interested and able to help in any way, please let us know at Know Your School Night in September.

If you are able to provide supplies please consider donating the following items.

Voluntary

- *Clorox wipes
- *Tissues
- *Gallon size zip-lock bags
- *Whiteboard markers
- *Glue sticks

*Headphones - This upcoming school year students will be working with Chromebooks for many different reasons - taking STAR Reading & Math assessments, Math Topic assessments, building upon their knowledge of navigating through a Chromebook, and literacy & math games.

First Grade Team