

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to our classrooms. The upcoming school year will be packed with lots of learning experiences and engaging activities. Your child will receive daily, rigorous instruction and learn skills and strategies to become a proficient reader. During the Daily 5, we will practice reading and writing skills daily. You will need to reinforce what we learn at school by reading with your child every night. We will provide a reading log to keep track of your practice at home. The reading logs will be collected every month.

Our math program, Saxon Math, begins with the review of basic skills and introduces number sense, geometry, money, fractions, place value, measurement, graphing, time, addition, subtraction, word problems, and other necessary skills needed in first grade. Once again, your support is essential to your child's success in math. We will announce the weekly objectives to keep you posted of our current learning and help you support the learning process.

Your child will receive homework every night, Monday through Thursday. There are very few exceptions. A weekly homework sheet will be sent home at the beginning of every week. This sheet will list the homework, spelling words, high frequency or vocabulary words, and any upcoming events. Please note that homework is due the next day, unless stated otherwise.

During the first weeks of school we will focus on:

- getting to know each other
- learning classroom rules and routines
- practicing appropriate behavior in school
- reviewing kindergarten skills (letters, sounds, sight words, etc.)
- assessing each child's reading, writing, and math skill levels
- establishing a positive attitude about completing daily classroom work and assigned homework

Our learning adventures begin on the first day of school!

We look forward to challenging your child and meeting his/her individual needs.

Sincerely,

The First Grade Team