

Hello First Grade Parents!

It is hard to believe we finished our second full week of school, isn't it? This was an action-packed week in room 132. The students have been busy getting to know our classroom routines and are learning about many of the materials we use in the different areas of the room. It was wonderful seeing many of you at Open House on Thursday. I love seeing how excited the kids get to show their desks off!

Both our Math and Reading programs begin with review and we jumped right in this past week. Here is a review of what we covered:

Reading/Literacy: review of letters , for each letter we review the sound it makes, how to correctly write the letter, and identify words that begin with each letter. Each letter also has a movement that goes with it. Later this week I will be sending home cards with each movement on it for you to review with your child. This is very helpful for your child's spelling. We also reviewed the high frequency words: a, and, go, I, is, like, my, and to. These are words your child learned in kindergarten. We call them "No Excuse Words." Your child is expected to spell them correctly and they are kept posted on our word wall for reference.

Math: there was a lot of review happening simultaneously with learning about our math tools that we use. These include white boards, break apart sticks, counters, and steps. New vocabulary introduced this week included: partners, break apart, equal, and altogether. Please let me know if there are any issues with the homework! A reminder: only the "Homework" side of the worksheet needs to be done. I use the other side as in-class review, please do not have your child complete it.

Other reminders:

1. Please be sure your child knows their afterschool plan and if there is a change to their usual plan, I must have the change in writing! This is to ensure your child's safety.
2. At snack time, many of the children are going to the cafeteria for milk and water. This is fine with us, however, please make sure you discuss with your child whether you want them to do this or not. I don't want anyone getting an unexpected bill from the cafeteria!
3. The "All About Me Tee" is due tomorrow!
4. Book orders are due by Friday. Please let me know if you do not want me to send book order catalogs home with your child.
5. Please be sure to go through your child's folder each night. Everything can come out of the folder with the exception of the weekly poem and that night's homework.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I hope your child is enjoying our year together as much as I am. It is so much fun getting to know this group and to watch them grow!

Have a great week!

Megan McDonald ☺