



# First Grade Newsletter



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**Respect** - Treating others with high regard regardless of their race, their place, or the color of their face!

**Responsibility** - Do your part for the groups that make us whole.

## Sayings

"Do unto others as you would like them to do unto you"

"The Golden Rule"

## Important Dates:

8/31 birthday celebrations

9/2 specials

9/3 dance party

9/6 & 9/7 Labor Day no School

## Spelling

We will start giving spelling tests soon. Please practice having your child spell words (CVC) and sight words. This will get them prepared for when they start to take spelling tests. In addition to our normal spelling words (they will follow the spelling/reading pattern we are working on in the "skills" section of our curriculum) we will be adding words from the Fry's Word List. We will be starting with the blue list and continue adding words throughout the year.

## Sight Words

We need parent help for sight words! Your child will bring home their list of words to work on each week. Please spend time each night going over sight words with your child. Remember there is a total of 150 words in 1st grade. These words need to be known by "sight", NOT by sounding them out.

**We have introduced the blue list and will continue adding 5 words every week.**

## Reading Skills

In grammar, we will be reviewing nouns. Students are expected to identify a noun in a sentence. Students are working on writing sentences naturally (without prompts to capitalize and end with punctuation). We will continue to review digraphs and we will start reading the chapters out of our reader, Snapshots.

Keep reading at home!!

**Birthday Celebrations Tuesday at 2:45 is our birthday celebration for July & August birthdays!! More information to come! Please send in pre-packaged items only!**

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**We have a daily snack that is provided by the student. Please make sure all snacks are**



## Core Knowledge is #1!

We get it done with fun!!

Hands-on, Right on! Integrated Science, Social Studies, Math, and Language Arts!



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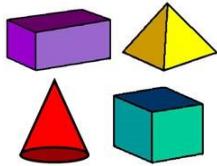
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## Math

We will be continuing our unit on 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Words to know:

- \* attributes (characteristics)
- \* flat edges (sides)
- \* vertices (corners)
- \* rectangular prism
- \* cube
- \* sphere
- \* cylinder
- \* cone



Students should practice mastering their addition, subtraction and doubles facts (ex:  $2+2$ ,  $5+5$ , where the two addends are the same). This will be beneficial when we start Mad Dog Math!

## Science

We are starting our Human Body unit! We will be making a child size body adding in the skeletal system, muscles, digestive tract, and the circulatory system. The vocabulary for the first few units are:

Systems, support, muscles, digestion, and heart.

The students will be using a gesture/movement to help remember these key words. Ask your child what the movement is!

There will be a graphic organizer to come home each day with the body system. Hold onto these and practice before the test.

## Listening & Learning

We have started a new domain in the listening and learning portion of our curriculum. We have begun our learning of the human body. The students have a lot of fun with this unit as there are a lot of hands on experience!

Here are some upcoming vocabulary words that you can work with your child in helping them master the definitions:

**systems** - groups of organs that work together

**support** - to hold up something or somebody so that it/he will not fall down

**voluntary** - done by choice

**digestion** - the bodily process by which food is broken down into a usable form

**heart** - the muscle responsible for pumping blood through the body

## LUNCH REMINDER

Don't forget to place your lunch orders online every month. Please send in water bottles with your child so that they can access to water throughout the day. It is still HOT outside and providing your child with a water bottle cuts down on the line for the water fountain.

### Donations

Wiki sticks  
tin pans (magnetic)  
pom poms  
treasure box items  
playdoh  
shaving cream  
magnetic letters



## **Uniforms!**

Please be aware of the CCS Uniform policy! We appreciate those of you that are diligent about keeping your child's uniform up to code! Please remember the following: Hair bows should not be larger than a fist; clothes cannot be more than 1 size larger than normal size (no baggy pants/skirts); Clothes must be Dennis brand (check out White Dove for great deals!)

## **NWEA!**

This year we will be using a different test (for Benchmarks) that will measure the student's growth along with providing additional information!