

Miss Foster's First Grade Newsletter

Donations Needed

We are running low on tissues again and with allergy season upon us any extra boxes you have to spare would be greatly appreciated!



We are also running low on thin, black dry erase markers. If you are willing to donate some, that would be greatly appreciated too!



Water Bottles:

Please remember to send a water bottle to school with your child daily to keep them hydrated. Students can always refill their water bottles with filtered water when needed at the filling stations. I don't always have extra water bottles in the classroom if the students don't bring one.



Snack Time: Everyday we have 10-15 minute snack time. Please remember to send in a **HEALTHY** snack with your child each day for them to enjoy during our snack time. Students will NOT be permitted to eat candy during snack time.



Scholastic Reading Clubs



Thank you so much to everyone who has ordered books through scholastic this year! It's never too soon to start stocking up on new books for summer!

If you are interested in ordering please visit scholastic.com/readingclubs

Class Code: GQ38V

Next Due Date: April 11th

Happy Birthday!!!

Does your child have a birthday in June, July or August when we aren't in school?! If so, and you would like to us to celebrate your child's special day at school, please contact me and we will set up a time in May to celebrate. As a reminder if you're sending in food treats, everything must be store bought with a nutritional label so we can monitor for allergies.



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Classroom Website

I have lots of resources on my classroom website. I also keep the calendar up to date with our cycle day, specials, as well as the phonics skills we are working on each week so you're able to better support your student at home.



Important Dates to Remember

- April 11th—Book Orders Due
- April 19th—Art Show and Book Fair 5:30-7:45pm
- April 20th—Math Challenge Due
- April 21st—Specials Switch (day 5 will change to music, day 6 will change to library)
- April 28th—PTCA Movie Night



May 2nd—No Place for Hate Day (if your child has a NPFH shirt they should wear it, if not wear black/yellow or Boyertown apparel)

Reading Homework

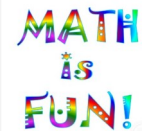


Did your child return his/her reading calendar yet? Our class is trying to earn a party at the end of the year for reading 90, 000 minutes! We are only about halfway to our goal, so make sure your kiddo is reading every night. Other than practicing weekly power words, this is your child's ONLY 1st grade homework.



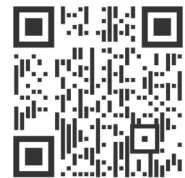
Student Name: _____
 Parent Signature: _____
 Total Number of Minutes Read: _____

At the end of the month don't forget to return the colored reading calendar so I can add your child's minutes to our graph.



Math Challenge

The APRIL math challenge is due **APRIL 20TH!** You're welcome to send it back whenever your child is finished working on it. It is **OPTIONAL**, but we're really hoping to get back on top and win the 1st grade trophy back for the class with the most correct answers! Get more info about the challenge here:



Academic Updates

Math

We have been really busy learning how to add and subtract tens! We are starting our last unit on adding and subtracting for the 1st grade school year. We'll learn more about place value, comparing numbers, and adding and subtracting up to 100! We'll start with comparison story problems, then move to applying our knowledge of place value to enhance our skills of adding and subtracting bigger numbers. Finally, we'll learn about coins, their values, and explore adding and subtracting money. Once we finish this unit, we'll be moving on a unit about measuring and collecting and interpreting data. The students will practice measuring a variety of classroom objects, compare the lengths and order the objects from longest to shortest based on the measurements. We'll also learn how to collect data and organize our data on multiple different types of graphs in order to interpret it.



Reading



As we move towards the end of 1st grade in reading we will be honing in on some of our research skills as we try to find important information in both fiction and nonfiction books and giving evidence to back up our ideas about what is important. We are working on the comprehension skills of analyzing, critiquing and evaluating and determining importance. Finally we will learn how to make inferences in texts and be "reading detectives" to find clues about a story in the words and pictures that the author doesn't explicitly tell us.

In most of our small groups we are working on reading more fluently with expression and pausing when appropriate by noticing different types of punctuation (commas, question marks and exclamation points), learning what they mean, and applying them to our reading when reading aloud. Additionally, many small groups are working on using the tools we've learned to become more accurate readers such as looking for magic e, vowel teams, flipping vowel sounds, and noticing phonics patterns we've learned throughout the year.

Writing

This is an exciting time in writing for our fabulous first graders! We've been learning all about how-to writing and poetry and it has been really fun to see everyone's creativity shine! Next, we are going to begin learning how to write informational pieces. First we'll work on learning more about the features in nonfiction texts and then we will create our own nonfiction text as we learn how to research and write about what we learn! Next, the students will be self-selecting an animal to research and will write an "All About" book report on their animal. We will work hard during reading and writing to learn about all of the pieces of a nonfiction book. This will help the children attack some of the books they use to research their animals and will help them better understand some of the elements they will include in their own writing. We will also be doing some guided research on our computers using websites like National Geographic Kids, Ducksters.com, Pebble Go, and A-Z Animals.



Science and Social Studies

In social studies we are finishing up our Germany unit. We've learned about their food, geography, symbols, and flag. We'll also learn about their money, government, language and holidays before we're finished.



In science we'll briefly discuss Earth Day and ways we can help the planet on a daily basis as it approaches. We are also going to be learning about living and nonliving things throughout the end of 1st grade. We will be planting different types of seeds and learn how to take care of our plants as they begin to grow. We will learn about both terrariums and aquariums and learning about the plants that live in different environments to help sustain the animals that live there.