

Miss Foster's First Grade Newsletter

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.

Holiday Party

Our holiday party will be on Friday, December 23rd. If you are interested in donating something to our celebration, the sign up can be accessed using the QR code below—thank you in advance for all of your donations! As a reminder, I will not need your help in the classroom that day, but please send your donation to school with your child that morning or leave it in the main office by 10:30am for me to pick up. Non-perishable items can be sent to school anytime and I will store them.

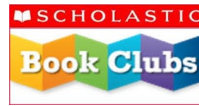


Important Dates to Remember

- December 5th—Book Orders Due
- December 8th—Math Challenge Due
- December 16th—Craft Day
- December 23rd—Holiday Party
- December 23rd—Early dismissal
- December 26th-January 2nd—School Closed
- January 3rd—School Resumes



Scholastic Reading Clubs



Books make great gifts for the holidays! I will submit my next order on December 5th since this is the latest that Scholastic will guarantee delivery to school before the holiday break.

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

Class Code: GQ38V

Next Due Date: December 5th

Cold Weather

Just a reminder that the students go outside for recess daily if it is not actively precipitating. I know the temperature can change by several degrees during the fall months, but please make sure your child has layers for colder days, our recess is at 11:20am so it can still be chilly even if it warms up later in the day. Also keep in mind that as it gets colder and colder, we go outside as long as the temperature, with wind chill factored in, is above 18 degrees so please be sure your child is dressed appropriately.



Spirit Days!

We will be celebrating the entire month with a different spirit day until winter break! Spirit Days are optional, but a fun way to anticipate the upcoming break. Here is a list of the spirit days if your child wants to participate.



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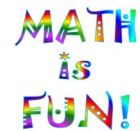
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Classroom Website

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.



Math Challenge

The next math challenge is due December 8th! You're welcome to send it back whenever your child is finished working on it. It is OPTIONAL, but we're really hoping to win the 1st grade trophy again for the class with the most correct answers! Get more info about the challenge here:



Academic Updates

Math



We are still working on adding and subtracting in math up to 20. We have learned several different strategies to help us solve both addition and subtraction problems. The children are encouraged to choose the strategy that works the best for them, such as drawing a picture, counting on, using a number line, etc. We have also been hard at work on story problems. We are working on finding important words in story problems that tell us if the problem is addition or subtraction and working on determining if a part or whole is missing from the story. Work on this at home by making up story problems for your child to solve! Finally, we are working on representing numbers in various forms and determining if number sentences are true or false. Shortly, we will be moving on to learn about place value.

Reading



Over the past few weeks we have learned how to make meaningful connections. We make text-to-self connections (this reminds me of a time...) as well as text-to-text connections (this reminds me of a book...) and text-to-world connections (this reminds me of something I've seen/experienced in the world...) while we are reading in whole group, small group and independently. We have also learned about making predictions using evidence from the text to support our ideas. We have also been working on summarizing a story by telling the beginning, middle and end and recognizing character traits. We will work on trying to add details about the characters and setting when we summarize. Furthermore, we will learn how to identify the problem in a story, recall the important details that lead to the solution and determine the solution for the problem at the end of a book.

We are also continuing to learn a variety of strategies to help with accuracy during reading. If we get stuck on a word we try to look at the picture for clues, chunk to the word, get our mouth ready by saying beginning sounds, and flipping the vowel sound.

As a reminder, your child brings home his/her Read Every Day Folder each day. Your child has the opportunity to select 3 books at their independent reading level daily. In the folder there is also a colored card listing skills your child should be working on while reading these books. The power goal your child and I are working on will be circled or written on the card. These books are at your child's independent reading level, so it should be an easy read, but as always please support your child's comprehension by asking him/her about the book.

Power Words and Phonics



The phonics skills we are learning are becoming increasingly more challenging as the year progresses.

Please continue to practice daily at home (the skills we are working on each week are always listed on my classroom website calendar <https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/1921#calendar2663/20211101/month>) as we practice daily at school. Remember to review the phonics words that come home weekly in your child's test folder as well. It is always good to review, even if your child did well on the assessment, since words that follow these phonics patterns pop up in books often and it is important that your child learns these skills to help them advance in reading.

Additionally, your child brings home his/her individualized power words each week on Monday. We practice reading and writing them daily at school, but it is always a good idea to practice them at home too. If you're looking for fun ways to practice at home there are tons of ideas on my classroom website or feel free to reach out to me for ideas: <https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/3735>.

Writing



As authors, we have done a great job learning how to respond to a prompt! Currently, we are focusing on writing small moments and going back in our writing and editing it to add more details as we visualize the event that happened in our life. Soon, and throughout the rest of the 2nd trimester, we will be learning about how to write our opinions giving supporting reasons. We will be writing our opinions about several different things including the best food, the best seasons and the best thing to play at recess. We will also be writing our opinions about the worst season, food, pets, etc. We will also learn about making sure we have solid reasons and examples to back up our opinions.

Science

In science we are finishing our unit on the weather. Then, we will begin a social studies unit about Canada.

After we finish learning about Canada, we will start a new science unit on states of matter. We will explore several different types of liquids and solids. We'll learn about how we use them in our daily lives and where they are in the world around us.

