

Miss Foster's First Grade Newsletter



Summer Tutors

Our district has a list of teachers that are willing to tutor students over the summer. If you feel like your child could benefit from some extra support, please reach out to Mrs. Ong, our school counselor, at song@boyertownasd.org for the list.

Field Day

Field Day is on **Friday, May 19th** (rain date May 23rd). Please be sure your child has a water bottle, comfy clothes (NHUF spirit day shirts are encouraged!) and sneakers! Be sure to apply sunscreen to your child before he/she come to school—we will not have time to apply it before heading outside. **ONLY** parents signed up to volunteer are permitted to attend.



End of the Year Party

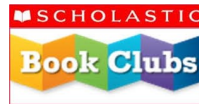
It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close soon! We will be celebrating all of our accomplishments on the last day of school. If you would like to donate something to our celebration please use the QR code below to sign up. If you'd like to donate something not on the list please reach out to me.



Thank you so much for all you have don't to support our fabulous first graders this year!!



Scholastic Reading Clubs



LAST CALL!!

Thank you so much to everyone who has ordered books through scholastic this year! If you need books for summer please order ASAP at scholastic.com/readingclubs

I'll submit orders as soon as I see them to ensure delivery before school ends.

Class Code: GQ38V

Happy Birthday!!!

LAST CALL for summer birthdays! If your child has a birthday in the summer and you would like us to celebrate at school please reach out so we can pick a date to celebrate your child!



Important Dates to Remember

May 19th—Field Day (rain date May 23rd, see above for information)

May 25th through June 2nd—First Grade Final Fun Days: we'll do something fun each day to celebrate the end of the year. A list of activities will come home next week. These are a surprise for your child until next week, so please don't tell yet!

May 29th—No School for Memorial Day

May 30th through June 2nd—Early Dismissal at 12:25pm

June 2nd—End of 1st Grade Party

June 2nd—Last Day of 1st Grade



May 2023—the final edition

Contact Miss Foster

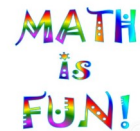
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Classroom Website

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 FINAL math challenge is due **MAY 18TH!** 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

It's so hard to believe that these fabulous first grade friends will soon be spectacular second grade students! What a wonderful year it has been, and I must thank you for sharing your child with me for the past several months! Over the next few weeks, we will still be working hard to finish up our first grade studies.

Math

We just finished our geometry unit where we learned about different 2D and 3D shapes and their defining attributes like vertexes and faces, fractions and how to tell time to both the hour and half hour on an analog clock!



For the remainder of the year in math we will work through our final unit on measurement with nonstandard units and graphing. We are learning several measurement tips for measuring with nonstandard units like cubes, paper clips (big and small) and toothpicks such as measuring from endpoint to endpoint, measuring in a straight line, and not leaving any gaps or overlaps. Next we'll learn how to collect, analyze and display data through different types of graphs. The students will even have the opportunity to create their own survey questions, poll their classmates and choose a way to display the data they collect—it's so much fun!

Reading



WOW, what a year of growth it has been especially in reading! We just finished up learning how to infer and figure out things that the author doesn't directly tell us by being "reading detectives". We've honed our skills of finding clues in the text and illustrations and connecting it to our own background knowledge to infer. We're wrapping up the year with the comprehension skill of analyzing and evaluating. Often we need to use a variety of the strategies we've learned this year in order to figure out the author's purpose and determine the main idea in a book so this is a great way to end the year. We'll work on evaluating how well the author did with the book and why based on the purpose of the story or the big idea.

Finally, as we enter the last couple of weeks of the school year, I'll be sharing some of "Miss Foster's Favorites" just for enjoyment that we haven't read yet to help grow the kiddos love of reading. These books will include books about 2nd grade, books about summer, and some of my personal favorites.

Writing

We have been working really hard on finishing up our research projects on the animal of our choosing. They are coming along great! The children have really impressed me with their abilities to truly find interesting and important facts from the books and websites we have explored while learning to research! These completed projects will come home in the near future.



To end our first grade year of growth in writing we'll be writing nonfiction pieces about first grade! The students will have the opportunity to write about what we learned, what went well for them, what challenges they were presented with, and many other things all about first grade!

Science and Social Studies

To finish first grade we are learning about living and nonliving things. We learned about three characteristics that make something living (it gets nutrients, it grows, and it can reproduce).

Last week we planted seeds (the students were able to choose from sunflowers, peas, pumpkins and kidney beans) and now we are learning how to care for a living thing to help it thrive. We'll continue to watch our plants grow and will learn about what happens as their life cycle continues! As we finish up this unit, your child will get to bring home his/her plant with directions on how to make it thrive as it continues to grow.

