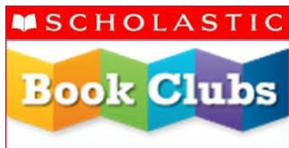


Miss Foster's First Grade Newsletter

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.



Scholastic Reading Clubs

Books make great gifts for the Holidays! I will submit my next order on Friday, November 11th. If you are interested in ordering please visit scholastic.com/readingclubs

If you are ordering books as gifts, let me know! I can put them in a manilla envelope so your child can't see them or leave them in the office for you pick up at your convenience. Furthermore, if a child self-selects his or her own reading material they are more encouraged to read more often! If you are surprising your child with books or if they are gifts, please let me know and I will send them home in a sealed envelope or leave them in the office for you to pick up.

Class Code: GQ38V

Important Dates to Remember



November 4th—No School for staff development

November 7th—Picture Retakes

November 11th—Book Orders Due

November 18th—End of 1st Trimester

November 21st and 22nd—Parent Teacher Conferences

November 21, 22, 23—Early Dismissal

November 24-28th—No School for Fall Break

Parent Teacher Conferences



Email reminders will be sent with the time you selected to you via Signup.com and I will also send reminders closer to the date. If you signed up for a virtual conference, the zoom link will be sent closer to the date as well. **If you haven't signed up for a conference yet please do so by scanning the code below and picking a time!**



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.

Updated Class Directory

Please scan the code below to download our updated class directory. Sorry for the previous errors!



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Contact Miss Foster

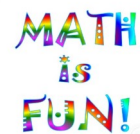
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<https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/914>

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 November 3rd! 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 back the 1st grade trophy for the class with the most correct answers! Get more info about the challenge here:



Academic Updates

Math



We have been busy working on counting on, addition, solving story problems, finding missing addends, composing numbers, and determining if a given number sentence is true or false and how to make it true if it is false. Additionally, we are also practicing finding 2 different addend combinations that have the same sum and writing number sentences in a variety of ways, such as starting with the whole or starting with a part. Finally, we are working on solving story problems with lots of details like a picture, number bond, number sentence, and soon a statement about our answer. Next, we'll start working on mastering our doubles facts ($1+1=2$, $4+4=8$, etc.) and learn about subtraction and how it is related to addition!

Reading



Over the past several weeks we have learned about making good predictions using evidence from the text to support our ideas. We've also learned how good readers ask questions, learned how to use our prior knowledge (schema) to help us understand stories and characters, and how to monitor and clarify when we read to help us understand. Currently, we are working on identifying characters and settings within stories and identifying both inside and outside character traits. Being able to identify these things helps us better comprehend the story and the way characters react or feel throughout the story. These strategies can always be supported at home as you read aloud to your child or your child reads to you.

During our small group and one-on-one reading time we are focusing on a variety of accuracy strategies such as looking at the picture clues, getting our mouth ready to say the beginning sound of a word, chunking the word into smaller parts, and flipping the vowel sound.

Power Words and Phonics



Each week your child is introduced to new power words. We practice writing them correctly and recognizing them. It is important to practice these words at home as well. While we don't assess the student's ability to spell the words, it never hurts to practice. Your child is assessed on Fridays on their ability to recognize the words in 3 seconds or less. Please continue to practice at home, and if you need some ideas of ways to practice visit my classroom website: <https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/3735>.

Your child is also introduced to 2 new phonics patterns each week. Words that follow the patterns we're learning are always listed on the calendar on my classroom website: <https://www.boyertownasd.org/Page/1921#calendar2663/20211101/month>. A practice paper comes home on Thursdays that we've used at school all week to practice. Please also practice these at home as their difficulty increases as the year goes on. It is important that your child learns these skills to help them advance in reading.

Writing



Writing has been very exciting in our classroom! We have been practicing using our power words when we write and thinking of our own ideas for stories. We have been focusing on personal narratives this trimester. We are learning how to leave spaces between our words, use punctuation, and persevere when we have hard-to-write words or hard-to-draw pictures. We have also been practicing adding more to our writing and illustrations to make it more interesting to the reader. I am very impressed so far with everyone's progress as writing is often one of the most challenging subjects for youngsters!

Science



We are beginning our first science unit on the weather! As we work through our weather unit we'll learn how to use a thermometer, about the difference between high and low temperatures, how wind and precipitation change the weather, storms, and different types of clouds. We will also learn how scientists use their senses to observe, describe and discuss and how to organize information in a variety of different types of graphs/charts.