Look What's Cookin' in First Grade

Curriculum Night 2019
7:40-8:55: MATH

8:55-9:40: M-MUSIC, T-ART, W-PE, TH-CAREER TECH, F-PE

9:45-11:18: READING WORKSHOP, WORD STUDY, AND SHARED READING

11:18-11:48: LUNCH

11:50-12:20: RECESS

12:20-12:40: INTERACTIVE READ ALOUD

12:40-1:30: WRITING WORKSHOP

1:30-2:15: SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE
Communication

Emailing is the best form of communication.

If you have a transportation change, please send a note with your child in his/her daily folder.

Please call the front office for unexpected transportation changes. Teachers are unable to accept transportation changes over email.
• Daily Folders are sent home each day.
• Please check your child’s folder each day.
Attendance: When your child is absent, please email or send in a note with your child when he/she returns to school.

Early Pick Up: If your child needs to leave school early, please check them out no later than 2:00.

Late Drop Off: Please walk your child in to the front office, if they arrive after 7:40.
OUR CLASS RULES:

1. I enter the room with a smile.
2. I show kindness.
3. I make wise choices.
4. I use my manners.
5. I set goals.
6. I try my best.
7. I learn and grow.

Paws Tickets

Children earn “PAWS” tickets when they are showing growth or success in one or more areas. Please praise your child when he/she brings one home!
Reading Workshop

Your child will work on reading in first grade every day. He/she will build fluency and comprehension by reading books on his/her level. Your child will meet with the teacher during reading conferences and small groups. Your child will also focus on talking about his/her books. First grade is a huge growth year, and you are going to be AMAZED at all the strong reading work your first grader will do!
Orton-Gillingham

This is a researched based program that we use to develop reading and spelling strategies. The children will learn patterns that will help them in both their writing and reading. These skills are critical in establishing a solid foundation for proper spelling and reading.

The phonics pattern and sight words that your child will be working on will be included in the weekly newsletter. There will be a weekly dictation where your child will write a sentence to determine if your child is mastering the phonics pattern and writing his/her sight words correctly. These will be sent home at the end of each month so that you will see the growth your child is making.
Help your child become a better READER

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?
Writing Workshop

We have Writing Workshop in first grade. During this time the children are busy writing about “what they know.”

- Narrative - Small Moments
- How To
- Informational
- Opinion
- Poetry
- Realistic Fiction

You will be so proud to watch your child grow as a writer this year.
Guided Math

During math your child will meet with the teacher in small group each day. He/she will also play math games and work with the IREADY math computer program. We do a lot of hands on activities in math!
How can I help my child with MATH?

Count your steps as you take a walk. Count by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's.

Give your child coins to practice counting money.

Give your child story problems to try and solve. Have your child explain how to solve the problem.

Have children point out patterns they find.

Let your child help you cook. Cooking involves a lot of counting and measuring.

Help your child learn math vocabulary.

Show your child that math is in our everyday lives.
Science

- Weather
- Lights and shadows
- Sounds
- Magnets
- Living Things
Social Studies

- Our National Heritage
- A Changing Country-Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea, and Ruby Bridges
- Inventors in the USA-Benjamin Franklin and George Washington Carver
- Community Helpers and Theodore Roosevelt
- We Are Alike, We Are Different-Positive character traits of historical figures
Homework

Your child will receive reading, phonics, and math assignments each Monday beginning August 26th. This should be returned to school on Friday along with your child’s book baggie.

Below is an example:

• Read aloud daily. Your child will bring home his/her book baggie with books on his/her reading level.
• Monday and Wednesday- IREAD Reading
• Tuesday- Phonics/Sight Words
• Thursday- Math

*This schedule is flexible. Do what works with your family’s schedule😊
GRADED PAPERS

• Graded papers are sent home every two weeks in the Friday Folder.

• Some papers come home daily - those do not need to be returned unless they have a “PLEASE SIGN and RETURN” sticker on them.

• Please review the papers with your child.
Birthday Celebration

On your child’s birthday, he/she will get “15 minutes of fame!”
Your child may teach a game to the class, share/teach a talent, read, bring a special guest to share, bring in some of his/her favorite things/pictures to share, etc.
A Message for You!

As sugar and flour come together to make
A wonderful cookie creation that you bake,
Parents and teachers join as one
To create an educated daughter or son.

It takes lots of love, caring, and understanding
But an individual will emerge who is special not withstanding.
We will work together to help each child bloom
So they can grow and prosper as they learn in this room.

So I share this little confection with you as I say
I am committed to helping your child grow each and every day.

Yes, the road is long, but the journey’s begun
As we strive to educate your daughter or your son.
Thank You for Coming!

Please take a moment to write a note to your child and leave it on the table as a special surprise!
Also please sign up for a conference.😊