

ACE FIRST GRADE

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE

First Grade is looking forward to Spring, discarding our heavy jackets, and the promise of warm weather. First grade is such a great time of growth and development. We are truly enjoying your children as we move into this next season.

CONTACT

We are always happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

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HOMEWORK

Homework is assigned to help your students perfect a skill learned in the classroom. It is therefore important that assignments are completed. Don't forget music, technology and spanish homework.

Reminder: Students should arrive by 8:20 a.m. Arriving on time helps your child have an organised and calm start to the day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3-7: Standardized Testing

April 7: Report Cards Go Home

April 7: Easter Dress Up Day (*students may wear dressy clothing*)

April 10-14: EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL!

April 16: Celebrate Easter! Christ LIVES!

April 17: School Resumes

April 18: Open House for Non-registered Families, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

April 28: Casual Day (*students may wear modest casual clothing*)

PENMANSHIP

Students now know how to write using proper cursive. However, to continue doing so, it still takes patience and practice.

MATH GRADE LEVEL 2 Mrs. Francis/Ms. Kim

Second Grade Math class has been learning to add money. In the next few weeks students will learn about:

Chapter 13:

- 3-Digit Subtraction; Rounding to Estimate.
- Renaming Numbers
- Checking Subtraction with Addition
- Multi-step Problem Solving

Chapter 14:

- Equal Sets,
- Multiplication by 2s - 4s

Chapter 15

- Equal Parts
- Fractions
- Part of Sets

Homework will either be a worksheet or practicing material using Mathletics.

MATH GRADE LEVEL 3 Ms. Gerald

In March, Math 3 students will learn:

Chapter 12:

- Divide by 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- Fact Families
- Vertical Division Strategies

Chapter 13:

- Lines and Angles
- Perimeter
- Area

Chapter 14

- Counting Money
- Compare, Add, and Subtract Money
- Money for Purchase
- Counting Change

Tests:

- **March 8 Ch. 12 Test**
- **March 17 Ch. 13 Test**
- **March 28 Ch. 14 Test**

Students will have homework nightly. The worksheet for homework is black and white unless otherwise notified. Classwork will be checked in class and can remain at home after being checked. Classwork is the colorful worksheet.

BIBLE

In April the class will continue its focus on miracles performed by Jesus and the greatest miracle of all, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Please make it a daily habit to have your student say the Bible verse and the reference to you. Students should also learn to spell the difficult words.

SCIENCE

First graders have begun the Science curriculum! They are excited about learning to become good scientists by identifying problems, hypothesize solutions, observations, and proving or disproving hypothesis through experiments.

We are thrilled to have the *Elementary Science Lab* ready for use as needed for experiments and hands-on learning with our Science curriculum.

SPELLING

Students are learning new vocabulary words from their reading books each week. They are encouraged to use their spelling skills to spell unfamiliar words.

For example, breaking words into syllables, using special sounds, etc.

In March in addition to learning new Spelling words, students will practice proofreading for accuracy, reviewing contractions, and words that have double consonants.

READING

First Grade students are entering the world of blindness and deafness through our next reading book; Helen Keller.

This is a book about compassion, as well as the excitement of learning that through determination one can overcome any obstacle.



ART

"Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely." ~ Rodin

This month the children will get an introduction to Auguste Rodin. We will also review the life and art style of Keith Haring and Georgia O'Keeffe.

The children will do a collaborative painting of Keith Haring "Dancing" and Georgia O'Keeffe's "Hawaii Escape."

All students will continue to create art for the school hallways!



PE / SPANISH

PE:

Students will :

- Stretching/Warm-ups
- Continue practicing for the fitness challenge

SPANISH:

First Grade students will continue working with the Rosetta Stone language program. They will be watching the Salsa DVD series learning to identify vocabulary words used in daily conversation. They will also be learning to describe nouns using the colors they have learned.

Don't forget your child's 15 minutes of homework each week!

TECHNOLOGY

Coding Course #2 was a great success! You should be very proud of your child as they learned to think critically to solve problems from start to finish.

If you would like your child to continue coding at home, have them complete their current level. When they have completed the level please contact Miss Wong so she can register your child for the next level. In some cases the password may change.

This month, students will move into typing and basic word processing skills of varying levels.

This month in Technology Classes, Students will:

- Practice Typing Agent lessons in class
- Practice typing sentences & mini paragraphs with keyboard cover and learn to tab
- Changing the color, font, and size of texts
- Insert a graphic
- Insert a textbox
- Creating a book review for a summative test at the end of the month

Don't forget to have your child practice Typing Agent 15 minutes each week! Typing Agent practice counts as a weekly homework grade.



TEST SCHEDULE

Weekly

Tuesdays: Penmanship
Thursdays: Spelling
Fridays: Bible

Math and Science will coordinate with the end of each chapters.



MUSIC

Did you know...?

Research has found a causal link between music and spatial intelligence, which means that understanding music can help children visualize various elements that should go together, like they would do when solving a math problem. These skills come into play in solving multistep problems one would encounter in architecture, engineering, math, art, gaming, and especially working with computers.

Cited from:

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/music-arts/the-benefits-of-music-education/>

This month in Music Classes:

- Students will continue learning music for the Spring Program
- Students will continue the Recorder Karate curriculum

Homework: Students are expected to practice 35 minutes per 7 day week for the Recorder Karate Curriculum. Practice sheets must be signed by a parent to be counted as complete. Students are expected to bring their recorders and black recorder folders to music every music class for a participation grade.