First Grade Newsletter

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Issue #1

Calendar
Upcoming Events

September 13

Dundee Parent Club 7:00 PM

September 20

Open House 7:00 PM

September 30 Book orders due

Looking ahead...

October 13th

Dundee Dolphin

Dash

First Grade
volunteers begin
in October! A
calendar schedule
will come home
the last week in
September.

Welcome to first grade!

It was a great beginning to the 2011-12 school year! The children had the opportunity to get acquainted with classmates and enjoyed using their new school supplies!

Here is our schedule for the school year:

Lunch: 11:00-11:40

<u>Library</u>: Mrs. Brown Monday, Mrs. Bisset Tuesday <u>Music</u>: Mrs. Brown W & F, Mrs. Bisset M&TH PE: Mrs. Brown T& Th, Mrs. Bisset W & F

Mr. Harris requests that children wear tennis shoes and appropriate clothing for PE activities. Thank you!

Friday Folders: Every Friday your child will be bringing home a pocket folder that contains classroom information. Friday folders are the information highway concerning classroom and school events. They also will include this monthly newsletter, book orders, homework, and your child's class work. Please return folders on Monday so that we can begin the process of filling them with homework for the next Friday. Please note that homework will begin in October. Thank you!

TRANSPORTATION NOTES

Please write a note or call Shelley at 4851 if your child is going to return home in a manner different than already specified with the classroom teacher.

Calendar Homework

The September calendar homework is an optional activity. Your child may return the calendar(not the homework) to earn a certificate. Additional homework will begin in October. More information will be explained during our November conferences.

Book orders

Checks only please.

Birthday Celebrations

Once a month ... See note in folder

Authors of the month:

Bisset:

Margaret & H.A. Rey Curious George <u>Nelson</u>

Eric Carle

Very Important Person

Each week a member of our classroom will be selected to be our classroom VIP. A poster and letter detailing this project will come home 1-2 weeks in advance.

Attention All First Grade Volunteers!

Did you fill out the volunteer form in the first day of school packet? If not, please email or leave a voice mail with your child's teacher concerning the day and time that you're available to help in the classroom. First grade volunteers will begin in October. Remember...BEFORE you volunteer for the first time:

LUNCH MONEY- Parents ...you can pay for student lunches on line @ www.SchoolBucks.com. Please note that students must pay for lunches before the tardy bell rings. If students forget they will be at the end of the lunch line.

Cereal boxes needed...

Students of Mrs. Bisset need to bring an empty cereal box to school. They will be used as containers to store reading books.

Happy September Birthdays to:

Jocelyn 9-3

Hank 9-4

Emma 9-5

Payton 9-16

Alonzo 9-22

Melecio 9-26

Birthday Celebration will be:

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

2:30 PM in the classroom. Please see note concerning birthday celebrations.

First Grade Blues

Is your child experiencing the first grade blues? (Tired, hungry, and crying more than usual?) We would like you to know that this is not abnormal behavior for the beginning of the school year. It takes time to adjust to a full day of school. Your children are trying their best during the school day and sometimes will "fall apart" the minute they return home. Please try to make sure they get a good nights rest and a nutritional breakfast. Most children make a complete adjustment by the end of October!

^{*}Complete a criminal history background check form available in the office.

^{*}Obtain a photo ID badge from the District Office

^{*}Participate in the new volunteer orientation: Contact parent club