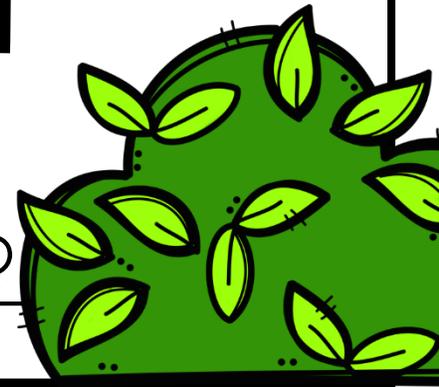


1ST GRADE WITH MRS. ELDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
WEEK OF AUGUST 19TH



CLASS NEWS: WOW! What a great start we've had to our new school year! This group has already had their 1st Compliment Party!! They earned 10 compliments from other adults in our school within the first 3 days of school. They earned those compliments for walking quietly in the hallway, working hard in related arts, and doing a great job in the lunchroom. I am so proud of our class!

We also started our new take-home binders today. Please check this binder each night and send it back to school each morning. We will use this binder to send home any important papers, completed work, homework, newsletters and sight word lists. As the year progresses, you will also find helpful information about our new math program and ways to support your kiddo's reading in the binder.

We've had a few changes to our related arts schedule. PE is now on Mondays and Tuesdays. I've included a full schedule in the back of each kiddo's binder.

If you have any questions about the binder, our new schedule, or just want to chat about your kiddo, please let me know.

Thanks so much for helping us start this year off on the right foot!

-Mrs. Elder



LEARNING FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:

Reading – Students will learn the format of Reading Workshop. (Start with a mini lesson, then move to independent or group work, and finish with share time) Students will also investigate and discuss what good readers look like, what good readers do when they finish a book, what good readers do when they come across a tricky word, how good readers treat books, and what types of books we have in our class library.

Writing – Just as students learn the format of Reading Workshop, they will also discover that Writing Workshop will flow the same way. (Start with a mini lesson, then move to independent or group work, and finish with share time) We will start by discovering how to make a list and how lists are different than other types of writing.

Math – This week we will focus on learning our new math procedures which starts each lesson with a Sprint. Sprints are quick 1 minute activities used to increase math fluency. Students will also learn to count the “math way” which teaches them to start with their pinky on their left hand and count left to right. By Friday, see if your kiddo can show you how to count the math way.

Science – We’ve added a new member to our classroom! During science, students will observe and think like scientist as we discover new things about our new member... a beautiful blue beta fish! We are still working on a name for our new friend, but we are all super excited to have him join our class!

Core Essentials – This month, we’re focusing on three guiding principles for having a successful year. Those guiding principles are: Treat others right. Make smart decisions. Maximize your potential. We introduced those this week & will break them down throughout the month.