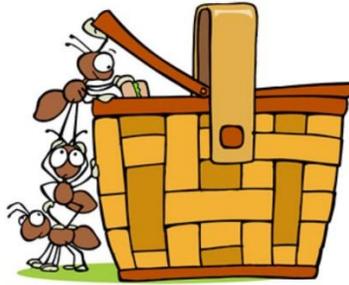


Hello, September!

News from August 26 - 30, 2019



Happy Labor Day! We've had another wonderful week here at school. All children (and teachers!) seem to be settling in nicely to our new routine. Things really get rolling after Labor Day. Most of our review and assessments are out of the way, and we will begin to delve into new First Grade concepts.

We have spent the past two weeks concentrating on the "short a" sound in words - building CVC words with the vowel "a." So our first spelling list will include "short i" words, along with important First Grade "sight words." Our first weekly spelling test will take place next Friday. I promise you that it will be a low-stress procedure. 😊

I don't believe I heard about "parts of speech" until I was in what was then known as "Junior High." Well, they are now a big part of the First Grade curriculum. We have studied NOUNS throughout this week.

Our EUREKA! math curriculum has found us decomposing the numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and now 10. We have been using a new tool called the "rekenrek." You can Google

the word to see how we use this tool. We made "rekenrek bracelets" on Wednesday. These will be used to assist as we "subitize" (or break the number 10 into various partners). Much stress is placed on "word" or "story" problems in EUREKA! math.

If I have my facts straight - a big question at this point! - we will celebrate GRANDPARENTS' DAY on Tuesday, September 10th. I believe that our lunch time will be 11:55, as usual. Please plan to invite a grandparent or grand-person to have lunch with your child on this day. I'm hoping that you can find more information on the school website. Meanwhile, your child's homework concerns some writing about his/her grandparents. Have fun with this, but please be sure to encourage "maximized potential" (a CORE ESSENTIAL VALUES term!) as your child writes. These compositions will be displayed in our hallway. I am providing plenty of paper for the task. Although we are no longer using "Handwriting Without Tears," I have many reams of their handwriting paper left in stock. Therefore, I am also providing you with a paper explaining how your child should position letters on this specialty paper. Hope this helps! An illustration (should your child choose to include one) can be drawn on regular copy paper.

In other news, OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for September 11th. Again, please check the website for times and details. I'm also a little fuzzy on that - but I promise to be here! ☺

And . . . we have scheduled our field trip to the Kentucky Derby Museum for Monday, April 13th. I know that a few of you have particular interest in attending this fun adventure, so please add that to your list which was provided at Orientation.

Enjoy your holiday weekend! How about this WEATHER????

