



FIRST GRADE NEWS!



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Elementary**
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September Newsletter

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports

Mid-Quarter progress reports will be sent home next week. Please check it over, sign and return the mid-quarter report as soon as possible once you receive it.

Feel free, if you are able, to go on-line to check your child's progress in all subject areas on the Parent Portal in Skyward. Keep in mind that grades change daily as assignments are entered.

Math News...

In Unit 2 we will concentrate much of our work on telling time to the half hour, number grid counting up and back and working with pennies and nickels. We have started our daily routine of Math Boxes. Math Boxes are four different boxes that work on specific skills. Some boxes we do in class together and some the children are expected to complete independently. Thank you for helping your child complete and return their math homework entitled: Homelinks.

Parent Pick-Ups

When you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please wait in the hallway next to the new entrance by the preschool wing. Keeping the hallway as clear as possible helps with congestion near the classrooms/lockers and allows us to safely dismiss our students.

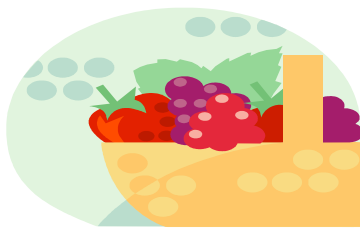
Reading News...

We are pleased with the progress our students are showing in our reading series. The literature we've been reading is based on a variety of genres. Thank you for your help with signing and returning their take-home books. The Treasure Chests will be sent home this week. They will provide storage for all the books that go home. Look for the letter describing how your child should use their reading Treasure chest.

Please help your child practice their spelling words each week. The lists are sent home each Monday. We test them on Friday to see how well they learned their words.

Snack Break Reminder

Thank you for helping your child continue to choose healthy, safe, appropriate snacks for milk break time. Please limit the amount of snacks you are sending. We only allow 10-15 minutes for students to eat their snacks.



First Grade Survival Tips for Parents...

*Please send spoons/forks for snacks if your child needs one and pack ice packs in cold lunches. There are not refrigerators available to students.

*Please sign and return homework as soon as possible. The extra practice will help your child grow in confidence in their reading/math skills and the process of completing/returning homework will help them establish a routine for future school success. We do give out "Homework Awards" at the end of every month.

*Fridays are "School Spirit" day at Osakis Elementary. Your child can wear a red shirt or an Osakis spirit shirt and get a chance for a treat from Mr. Ryan.

September's Highlights

- *Used the Bookmobile for the first time.
- *Completed the Elementary Fundraiser to raise money for our school.
- *Had school pictures.
- *Started the Content Area of Social Studies.
- *Got a great jump in our first grade curriculum.
- *Took our first assessments in spelling, grammar, math and reading.

Upcoming Events

Picture Retakes

Tuesday, October 13th

Fire Safety Presentation

Wednesday, October 7th

MEA Break

Thursday & Friday, October 15th & 16th

Bookmobile

Thursday, October 8th

Thursday, October 22nd

Fall Harvest Party

Friday, October 31st

Fall Clothing

We are encouraging each child to have an extra sweatshirt/sweater in their backpacks for colder days. The classrooms have a hard time regulating temperature in seasonal changes. Dressing in layers can help your child be more comfortable during the transition.