

September 16, 2019

Dear Room 9 Families,

Welcome to First Grade in Room 9! I try to highlight our classroom activities in my bi-monthly Newsletter. Next time I will email them in addition to sending home a hard copy. I will also be posting them on my school website. The big event of the week is **Curriculum Night, Thursday, September 19th**. See below for times.

Here is what we have been up to in Room 9.

Reading

- We will be taking the iReady District Reading test this week.
- We are reviewing letter sounds and sight words in our Wonders curriculum.
- The High Frequency Words (HFW) from this past week are: I, like, do, to, you, he, can, go, has, a
- The High Frequency Words (HFW) for this week are: this, is, my, look, little, where, here, play, the, and we.
- We are reviewing rhyming words and blending letters together. We are counting syllables in words.

Writing:

- Reviewing handwriting skills.
- Began journaling about our 'Weekend News'.

Math:

- We have been working with our new curriculum, *Bridges*. We are counting by 1's, 2's and 5's and graphing popsicles.
- We have explored Unifix Cubes, Pattern Blocks, Dominoes, Geo-Boards and Polydrons during our Work Place time.
- We are exploring our Number Corner every day.

Important Information

- 1. Communication** - Please note that my email address is - cindy.mccormick@shorelineschools.org
The easiest way to contact me is through email. You may also call the school at 206-393-4338. In addition, I have a webpage that can be accessed from the Echo Lake website that has classroom information.
- 2. Homework** - We ask First grade families to establish a reading routine at home with the goal of reading 15-20 min., 4 days a week. This can be shared reading with a family member where the first grader either is practicing listening comprehension while someone else reads or takes turn reading parts of the text. It could also be a time for the student to read independently. The Shoreline Public Library is a great resource for finding books to read.
- 3. Enclosed in today's mail is a request for \$6.00 for *Scholastic News*.** This is a magazine that covers current topics for 1st Graders. Please send in the money in the attached envelope as soon as you can. Thank you!
- 4. Enclosed in today's mail are flyers for ordering **Scholastic Books**.** Scholastic Books has been around forever. (I ordered books though it as a kid.) If you want to buy any of the books in the flyers you can order online per the directions, or send in the order form with a check to me. It can be an inexpensive way to get books for your child. Every month there is a \$1 selection. When you order you also earn points for our class, with which I order books for our class. This is optional.
- 5. Conferences:** This year the District has moved our conference days to November. Stay tuned for the official dates.

6. Volunteering in the classroom:

In today's mail is a letter asking if you would like to Volunteer in the classroom and what that might look like for you. I will also have sign-up sheets on Curriculum Night!

Important Dates:

Early Release Days: 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

September 19th - Fire Drill

September 19th - Curriculum Night

- **Session 1 @ 6:00-6:30**
- **Session 2 @ 6:40-7:10**

October 17th - Individual Picture Day

October 24th - PTA Pumpkin Carving Night

November 12th -No School - Veteran's Day

Thank you to the families that have brought in snacks to share with the class. Good snacks ideas are most crackers, cheerios, cheese sticks and fresh fruit. Please do not send in products that contain peanuts or other nuts. We try and keep our classroom as nut-free as we can.

Thank you for partnering with me this year to teach your children.

Sincerely,

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1st Grade Teacher

