First Grade News

The Heights Community School

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**Emergency Form:**

If you have a yellow emergency form in your child’s folder please fill it out and return to school tomorrow. It is important that we are able to contact you if there is an emergency. Thank you!

**Caterpillars:**

The caterpillars have changed into cocoons; they will come back to school in the spring when they are ready to hatch. We now have salamanders in the classroom; students are enjoying having critters in the classroom to observe.

**Headphones:**

Our IPads will be coming in early October. If you have not already sent headphones please do. The students will use their own headphones for the year.

**Rituals and Routines:**

In 1st grade we are busy learning the rituals and routines of the classroom as well as the school. Below are 2 of the routines we have been working on, please review the expectations with your child.

**Lunchroom Expectations:**

* Follow Directions and Respect Others Space
* Raise Hand for Help
* Clean Up
* Use Good Manners
* Inside Voices, Enjoy Your OWN Food

**Classroom Expectations:**

* Follow Directions
* Communicate Respectfully
* Do your best
* Think about and encourage others
* Make good choices

**Reading:**

Students are learning the rituals and routines of Reader’s Workshop. Your child is learning to read independently and quietly. They are also learning center activity routines and expectations. They are doing a very good job!

**Phonics:**

We are reviewing letters and their sounds using the Zoo Phonics curriculum. We also learn words weekly. Please review them with your child so they are able to read them quickly and learn the spelling.

**Words:**

**I a am see can the**

**at me you**

**Next weeks words:**

**come here big what**

**saw play**

**Math:**

In math we continue to work in Unit 1:

reading, writing, and representing numbers up to 31. Representing numbers may include: tally marks, showing numbers with pennies, addition number models, dice, tens frames, pictures, etc. We are focusing on developing a strong number sense.

**Writing**

We are working on the Launch Unit in Writer’s Workshop. Students are expected to write a personal narrative. You can help your child generate a list of personal experiences he or she has had to write them in a personal story.

Students are expected to tell a personal story with sequencing at least 2 or more events. They should be able to give details of settings, feelings and/or descriptions.

We will begin working on writing for readers. We will be working on making sure readers are able to read our writing by stretching our words and writing the sounds we hear, using space between our words and using the word wall to help spell known words.

**Events:**

**September:**

**9/22:** Club Choice fundraiser begins

**9/27:** Saints North 6:00

**9/28:** CARES assembly

**October:**

**10/10:** Movie Night at the Plaza 6:00

**10/12:** Bully Prevention 5:30

**10/13:** PTA Kick-off Meeting 5:00

Fundraiser ends

**10/19:** Chuck E. Cheese 3:00-9:00

**10/20-10/21: NO SCHOOL**

**10/25:** Picture Day

**10/26:** Chat with the Principal 8:45

CARES Program

**10/27:** Family Math Night

**10/28:** No School – Conference Prep Day