



First Grade Newsletter

Miss Earle's Class



Note From Miss Earle

There are a few students that are consistently arriving late. This worries me because every moment at school is precious. When your child arrives late, he/she is missing instruction time. That time quickly adds up over the weeks and months of school. I don't want your child to miss anything! We start promptly at 8:00am. It's best to have your student at school 5-10 minutes before that time. Please help your first grader get to school on time!!!

Please make sure that your first grader comes to school dressed for the weather! More often than not, we will be having students lined up outside before school and having outside recess before lunch. I know the weather just started to change on us. Be sure they have the coat and accessories they need every day. I know it seems like a silly request, but it is so very important.

Our room mom has created a sign-up for the Halloween Party on Monday, October 30th from 12:30-1:30pm. If you are interested, please sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4BA8AA2EA2FDO-44947716-miss#/>. Thanks!

We will not be having Library this week. Between Fall Break and Book Fair setup, it just doesn't work out. Next week, your child will not need his/her library book. We will visit the Book Fair instead. That means your child will not need his/her library book until November 1st. That's a long stretch for us. Be sure to keep track of your child's library book in that time. When we visit the Book Fair, your child can bring money to spend. Please put it in a bag/envelope with your child's name on it. Our library time is on Wednesdays from 1:35-2:05pm. Otherwise, the Book Fair will be open during conferences after school on Wednesday 10/25 & Thursday 10/26. You should receive a flyer from Mrs. Christensen with more information.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up soon! Please take a few minutes to sign up for a conference on Skyward. I've attached a reminder video if you've forgotten how. Plus, you can contact the office with further scheduling questions. We'll have 10-minute appointments from 4:00-7:30pm on Wednesday 10/25 & Thursday 10/26. I'll do my best to stay on schedule. If you think you'll need more time, please let me know and I can attempt to block out a longer conference for you. I will have information about how your student is doing academically so far. If you have other questions, please let me know. You can also take some time to visit the Book Fair on those evenings (before 7:00pm). I look forward to seeing you!

If you still have an "All About Me" poster, please return it as soon as possible.

Take Home Readers need to be returned on Tuesday! Make sure they are signed off or the volunteers will not change the books. Be sure to sign the correct bag number!

School Spirit Days are on Friday! Wear school colors or school shirts.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, let me know.

Dates to Remember

10/17	School Spirit Night at Zupas 4-9pm
10/18	PTA Family Skate Night at Classic Skate in Sandy 5-8:30pm
10/19-20	Fall Break - No School
10/23	Professional Development Day - No School
10/24-27	Book Fair in the Library
10/25-26	Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/30	Class Halloween Party 12:30-1:30pm
10/31	Halloween
11/2	Make-up Picture Day

Reading

Due to the short week, our reading groups will look a bit different. If students need more practice reading s-blends, they'll get that practice/support. When possible, each group may also have a leveled book to read.

Word Work/Phonics

We will be doing some whole class activities for word work this week. We will be learning to manipulate sounds in words. For example, we can change the first sound of "bat" to make the word "cat." Then, we can change the last sound to make the word "can." This is a skill we will continue to work on throughout the year.

Writing

We'll do some seasonal non-fiction writing this week. We will watch a Magic School Bus video about Bats. Then, we'll write all about bats. It will be interesting to see how everyone does with a change-up in our writing. Non-fiction writing can be a tricky thing.

Math

We'll spend a little more time this week working on how to add three addends. It is often helpful to find a fact we know and then count on to find the answer. For example, to solve $7+5+3$, you might know that $7+3=10$ (10 friends) and then count on 5 more to get 15. Try adding 3 numbers with your child and see what strategies he/she uses.