



First Grade News

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10TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Today was the first day of your child's life as an ALL-DAY first grader! Phew! When you greet them after school, they "may" be TIRED - I know I am.

Your child is spending a lot of energy paying attention, following directions, and experiencing new routines: a "second" recess, the hot lunch program, and loads of new curriculum. Phew!

For the next few weeks, we'll be gradually introducing "homework" on a daily basis. But parents set the standards: you get HOMEWORK starting tonight! Using guidelines by Jim Trelease: www.trelease-on-reading.com, families will fulfill the requirements of reading aloud for 20 minutes daily. The Reading Log is a way to keep track of the special time you're spending with your child. Need ideas for books? Check out the [trelease-on-reading](http://www.trelease-on-reading.com) web site! Be sure to download the Reading Log accompanying this FGN.



Thanks so much for your enthusiastic response to signing up for classroom and lab assistance. We welcomed our first volunteer today and we look forward to seeing each of you sometime during the year. But you don't need to "sign up" to spend time with us. Just let me know when you'd like to drop by to help.

What's Up in First Grade?

Faith First: Who teaches you about God? How will you show your love for God this week?

School library visit on Wednesday
Meeting librarian; learning special procedures for checking out books from the school library

Word Work today: reinforcing the concepts of spelling, word families

Science vocabulary: properties of objects
firm-flexible
transparent-opaque
smooth- rough
hard-soft

Try using some of this vocabulary in discussions. Dinner conversation could be very i-n-t-e-r-e-s-t-i-n-g! How would you describe that ice cream before it melts?!

Learning playground rules

No soccer or football at 10:15 snack recess
Kickball court for first grade on Mondays
No play structure for 1st and 2nd grade on Wednesdays

Math: concepts in numbers - how many ways can you show a number (3+5, 4+4, 6+2)

Language Arts: using -ing with verbs
Literary selection: One Red Rooster
Handwriting: checking pencil grip
correct formation of "a"

Social Studies: Rules and laws that guide people to live safely and be responsible citizens; applying school rules (respect, contribute, follow procedures)

Integrated Studies: observing Hispanic Heritage Month - introduction to Ecuador

Special Days: National Grandparents Day on Sunday
Making a special greeting for families to mail/deliver to grandparents!

Hot Lunch: Students pick up lunches from kitchen. Please send a copy of the lunches ordered for each month. No emergency lunches are available.