

Puckey's Press

Our Classroom Newsletter

September 18, 2015

Upcoming Events

- **September 21** ~ September Scholastic Book Orders are due. You can submit your order online at www.scholastic.com/readingclubs and using our classroom code: **FWPYX** or by sending your order along with a check made out to *Scholastic Reading Clubs* to school in your child's folder. Scholastic Reading Clubs is a great way to get quality books in your home at a cheap price AND help our classroom earn free books!
- **September 29** ~ Picture Day will be held on this day for Grades K-2. A photo form will be sent home soon. Even if you decide to not have individual pictures taken on this day, please make sure your child is dressed to have a class picture taken.

What We're Learning:

Most of what we've been doing these first two weeks has been to review many of the things we worked hard to learn in Kindergarten. Reviewing helps the students make connections they can build on as we start to learn new concepts and skills.

- **Reading/Language Arts** - We have been reviewing letter sounds, vowel sounds, and some high frequency words from Kindergarten. We have been reviewing letter formation and simple sentence structure.
- **Writing** - We will write every day in first grade through our daily Writer's Workshop. We have established some routines and procedures and have begun talking about what good writers to plan and write narrative stories. We have begun writing "small moment" stories about real events that have happened to us.
- **Math** - We have been reviewing counting, comparing numbers, adding, numeral writing, and money through various discussions, games, and activities on the SMARTboard.
- **Science** - We are reviewing our five senses and discussing science tools that we can use to help us measure and discover things around us.
- **Social Studies** - We have established classroom rules and expectations over the first few weeks of school. We have discussed how we can work to become "Mighty Lancers". We have been discussing maps and practicing reading them.

Notes from the Teacher

- **Happy September Birthday to:**

Claira	9/7
Ava	9/18
Quaran	9/25
- **Please send only one small snack with your child each day** so we can keep our energy up while we are working. We will have some time each afternoon to have a small snack.
- **Special Request:** Please do not send your child to school with a small, personal pencil sharpener. They have become very distracting to the students as they all want to borrow them and use them instead of completing their work. Also, many students are not using them responsibly; the little shavings are being spilt all over the classroom floor and crayons are getting stuck in them. There is a classroom pencil sharpener that the students are allowed to use themselves as needed so there really isn't any need for personal sharpeners. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us stay focused on our learning.
- **Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school, unless they have earned that reward and have a card to show you**
- **Please don't forget to check out your child's Class Dojo account to see how many points they have been earning!** At the end of each week, your child will be awarded tickets based off the points they earn (in increments of five). Tickets can be turned in for classroom rewards and prizes.
- **Homework:** Math homework will start coming home next week as we approach the lessons that involve practice at home. Language Arts homework packets will start in October.
- **Parent Volunteers:** I am currently working on creating a volunteer calendar for our classroom for the month of October. If you are interested in volunteering and have not already let me know your schedule, please email me as soon as possible so I can finish the calendar and pass it out in a timely manner. Volunteers will start in the middle of October.

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