

# October Newsletter



**Mrs. Everett's First Grade  
2018-19**



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# First Grade News

## Reader's Workshop

We are filling up our book boxes with lots of new "just right" books. We use many prompts when reading a story for the first time. When you student is reading aloud and gets stuck on a tricky word, I encourage you to try these prompts to help them problem solve.

- Get your mouth ready for the beginning sound.
- What would make sense?
- Think about what is

happening in the story.

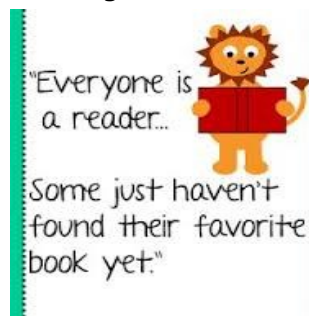
- Look at the picture.
- Try something.

When your student is reading, it should sound like they are telling a story. They need read using the punctuation, expression, and appropriate voice tones.

When your student is done reading, ask them lots of questions to see if they are able to re-tell you important events, share a lesson learned, or even ask

them questions that allow them to make personal connections to the text.

Tip: Its great for your students to see and hear you reading, too. When they see the adults reading, it shows them how important reading is.



## Writer's Workshop

The students have begun learning how to write a personal narrative piece. As writers, they have been taking a piece of writing through

the steps of the writing process making sure their story has a good beginning, sharing at least three details, and an ending. They

are also checking to see if it is legible, has spaces, punctuation, and capital letters.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 12: Field trip to the Zoo, wear class shirt, sack lunch required

Oct. 16: Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 18: Early Release/ Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 19: No School

Oct. 23: Community Service Field Trip, wear class shirt

Oct. 25: Fall Festival

Oct. 26: Halloween Party  
1:30 pm Wear Co  
tumes

Oct. 31: Halloween, NO  
COSTUMES

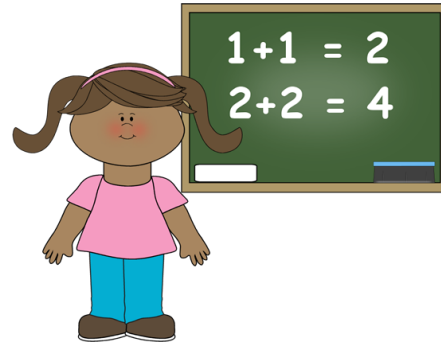
## Math

In math so far we have had lessons on Understanding Addition and Subtraction. We will continue to review these during our "Calendar" time in our schedule. We have moved on to Five and Ten Relationships.

Although it is still age ap-

propriate to see your child write the numbers backwards, please help show them the correct way when you see work coming home with backwards numbers. It takes much practice to

change a habit that has already been formed.



## Spelling

Spelling is going great and the Spelling tests are proving that. Thank you for everyone who is practicing at home. With this new program, I really see the students applying

what their learning into their reading and writing. If you were to walk into our classroom during spelling you would see all students engaged where each is manipulating and

connecting with the spelling features and patterns.

Have you asked your child what they learned at school today?

## Halloween Party-October 26th at 1:30 pm

Our classroom will be celebrating Halloween with a party beginning at 1:30 pm on Friday, October 27th. If you signed up to donate something for the party, please send them in no later than October 19th so I can prepare for the party. Students may wear their Hal-



loween costume at school on Friday but must come to school already dressed in their costume. Students will not be permitted to change into their costume

at school. No weapons can be brought to accompany costumes. Please make sure your child's costume will be functional throughout the school day (recess, using the restroom, lunch, special class, etc.) If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Field Trip to the KC Zoo

### Schedule:

Friday, October 12,  
2018

Departure: 8:30 am  
Zoo Arrival: 9:15 am  
Class Picture

Departure: 1:00 pm  
SHARP!

We will remain together as a class all day!

### Sack Lunch:

Please be sure all contents of lunch are disposable.

(sandwich, chips, healthy snack, drink, napkin, etc) No glass.

Be on the look out for donations needed to make "ZOO FOOD" for us to snack on along the way.

### Field Trip Attire:

Students need to wear their class t-shirt and tennis shoes. Be sure to check the weather forecast to ensure that your student is dressed appropriately. Jackets MAY be necessary.

### Backpacks:

All students WITHOUT a chaperone need to bring their backpack to carry their own lunches, drinks, snacks, jackets, etc. Please leave folders and library books at home.

## Snacks

THANK YOU for sending in such healthy and yummy snacks!! The kids absolutely LOVE snack time and it sure helps us keep our energy up for learning and focus. We are

currently in need of snacks at this time.

Eating lunch at 11:15 am can make for a very long morning without a snack, so all your donations are

very much appreciated. The students are able to grab one at their convenience during snack time!! Its works out perfect!



## Daily Folder, Behavior Calendar, Reading Homework

Your child has been traveling to and from school with their "Daily Folders." As a reminder, these folders are used as a tool so your child can bring home completed

work, notes, and the behavior calendar and for you to return lunch money, notes, etc. to school. Please help your child get into this routine. Parent signature is required dai-

ly. Reading homework is going great. Make sure you are letting your child share their book with you and that you are signing their folder Monday-Thursday.