

As we continue our focus on letter formation, please practice writing lower and uppercase alphabet letters at home. This is also a great time to focus on letter sounds.

**History:** We will continue our review of Bus Safety and Following Rules/Citizenship next week.

**Math:** We will review how to write numbers 1-30.

**Homework Folders**-Please be sure to send your child’s homework folder to school **each day**. Often informative papers are sent from the office and the folder insures a safe way home. If you need to send a note to me, please send it in the homework folder. To all the parents who have faithfully “reminded your children,” a big THANK YOU !!!

**Reading:** We will concentrate on letter formation, focusing on the basic strokes of letter. We will learn which letters contain vertical lines, horizontal lines, circle lines and diagonal lines.

Next week’s spelling words

**This Week’s Spelling Words**

***Each Friday, your child will bring home a letter containing information about First Grade. It will be in their green homework folder. Please read over the information carefully.***

News and Notes from Mrs. Hogan’s Classroom

Week of August 29 – September 1

 Friday, 9/2 – No School

 Monday, 9/5 – No School (Labor Day)

 Friday, 9/23 – No School (Teacher Workday)

 Thursday, 10/13 – No School (Teacher Workday/Parent-Teacher Conferences)

 Friday, 10/14 – No School (Parent-Teacher Conferences/Teacher Workday)

 Friday, 10/28 – End of 1st nine weeks

**\*\*Forms/Money-**Please return any forms and fees from the Open House packet Monday. I have included a list of any missing paperwork on the right back to school side of the folder. Thank you to all parents who have already sent in all paperwork ☺

**Supplies-**Thank you for sending in the class supplies (Ziploc bags, tissues, Clorox wipes, etc). These are greatly appreciated and will be used throughout the year. A list of any missing supplies are located in the right back to school side of the folder.

**Student Progress Report~** I have also included a student progress report in your child’s folder. If your child has a check/checks in the Needs Improvement Column, this is an area to work on in the coming weeks. Please sign the bottom and return it in your child’s **HOMEWORK FOLDER on Monday**.

**Ice Cream**- If you did not send $10.00 for an ice cream ticket, you can still do so at any time. Please remember if you do not purchase a ticket, your child will need to bring $1.00 each Wednesday if they want an ice cream for that evening. **Please be sure to send exact change as we do not keep money in our classrooms.** Thank you for your understanding on this issue!

**Scholastic Book Order-** In your child’s homework folder, I have placed a Scholastic Book Order. If you would like to order books for your child, please send back the completed order and a check made out to **Scholastic** by Thursday, September 1st.

**Tablets-** Students brought home their tablets today! Tablets will be used often in our classroom. Please be sure your child brings their tablet to school each day, fully charged.

We have had a wonderful first week of school. The children have been reviewing bus safety and we will continue this next week. We enjoyed days of “sunshine” during our recess time and played with our friends from the other First Grade classes. Hopefully next week, we will become more settled into our daily routine. Your children are a delight and I have enjoyed getting to know them this week. I am so excited to have such a caring, sweet, and polite group of children. Please feel free to contact me at home if you have any questions or concerns (540-599-7276)—I am usually home after 5:30 p.m. or by email jhogan@gilesk12.net.

Your child may be working with another first grade teacher or helper during this time. Students have been placed in groups that will target specific strengths and weaknesses from their PALS assessments. The first grade teachers are looking forward to the special activities being planned for the students. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Dates to Remember

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