



Mrs. Thomas's Class
Classroom Newsletter
September 25, 2020



Dates to Remember

10/6 – Interim Reports
Go Home

Pencils

Don't forget to sharpen & sanitize your child's pencils that are located in your child's pencil pouch on Friday afternoon.

Purple Folders

Please remember to check your child's folder EVERY night. ALL papers sent home will be placed on the RIGHT side of the folder (except math homework). Anything that needs to be returned to me, place in the LEFT side of the folder. Please keep everything else at home.

Classroom News

This week in class we wrapped up the beginning of the year testing and will start a regular classroom schedule next week. The kids did a fabulous job giving me their best on these tests!

Homework! Students start a regular schedule of weekly homework consisting of math, reading, & spelling. Details are enclosed!

A reading log is attached & a new one will be sent home every Friday. Students are required to read to you 5-7 minutes 3 days a week (even though the reading log has 5 days on it). It is due every Friday. This should give plenty of flexibility with extra curricular activities. Please make sure your child is reading a book that is on his/her level. If he/she misses more than 3 words on any given page, it is too hard for them. Reading homework will be increased every few weeks. Please have your child fill out his/her reading log with their name & title of the book read. Parents will indicate how many minutes your child read & initial it daily. Each day read is worth 33%. 10% will be deducted for late assignments unless accompanied by an excused absence.

See Reverse Side!



Wow! Significance

What We're Learning Next Week

Spelling Words

Students will receive their spelling words in class today. They will write each word on an index card. The index cards should be located in their pencil pouches. The purpose of the index cards are so we can 'mark up' the words (phonics) together each Monday. We are going to start out with only 5 spelling words for several weeks. The amount of spelling words will be increased to 7 & then eventually to 10

Reading: Main Idea & Detail
Phonics: short /a/
Math: Addition Strategies
Science: Plants & Animals
Social Studies: My School, My Community
Art: Impressionism

Spelling Words

Focus: short /a/

1. cat
2. tap
3. mad
4. bag
5. sad

Math Homework

per week. There will also be 2 bonus words on each spelling test that follow the phonics pattern. Spelling tests are every Friday. Please see the attached paperwork for detailed spelling homework instructions & an acknowledgement to sign & return. I have also attached homework samples.

Math homework will start next week & will go home Monday – Thursday (most of the time). It will cover concepts that we learned in class that day. Math homework is due the next day. It will be located in your child's purple folder on the LEFT side. Please have your child complete it on his/her own, but please check for accuracy. Place the completed homework back in the folder on the LEFT side to be turned in. Once I look it over, I will * it on the top, right side to let you know I saw it. You can then recycle it. Each assignment is worth 25% . 10% will be deducted for late assignments unless accompanied with an excused absence.

Parent Night – Reading

Don't forget to watch the video I posted. Lots of information.