



FIRST GRADE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2018

Learner Profile:
Open-Minded

Attendance

Our school wide goal is 98% attendance for each month. Students with perfect attendance will be recognized at assemblies. The school will also hold a BBQ for each month we reach our goal. If your child is unable to come to school, please make sure to do independent study for each day your child is absent. Independent study packets, when they are returned, give your student credit for their day they missed.

You can find the independent study contract at the school office or online (sjva.net-parent-parent resources-independent study) Contracts must be signed by 3:00 the day of the student's absence.

Remind is a free app that allows parents to receive important messages from the teacher directly to your phone or email. Below is the information needed to sign up.

Text your teachers code to 81010

Ms. Mitwalli—@mitw

Mrs. Wurzell—@9ecb9

Mrs. Wong—@fhkk4

Ms. Zazueta— @mszaz

Curriculum Focus

PYP Focus:

Central idea: Society influences individuals in the way they express themselves.

Lines of Inquiry:

- Symbols represent who we are (students will create their own symbols that represent themselves in class).
- How traditions are created and celebrated
- Heroes achievements and how they are celebrated
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Additional Focus:

Language Arts: long a with /ai/ay/ such as play and grain. Contractions. Long o with /oallow/ such as show and boat. Synonyms. Compound Words.

Writing: Continuing with personal narratives. Assessing students' abilities to write a personal narrative with a topic sentence, first, next, last, and a conclusion. After break we will start informational paragraphs.

Math: Chapter 8 Two-digit addition and subtraction. Chapter 9 Measurement

Resources

For videos explaining how to do math problems, search math on the spot on google and click the first link.

For extra worksheets, create an account for teacherspayteachers.com.

Homework Tips

Please don't complete the whole packet in one sitting and use pencil.

If your child is feeling overwhelmed, take a five minute break.

A quiet space is encouraged.

The drive to and from school is a good time for students to practice Raz-Kids.

Read everyday! We want to reach our monthly goals!