

First Grade Newsletter



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Great Conversation Starters

- Tell me about your connecting cube staircases and mystery boxes in math class.
- What kinds of books do you have in your reading bag?
- How does the reading strategy "Eagle Eyes" help you figure out a word?
- How many chrysalises do you have in your room?
- Tell me about Bob the rhyming dust bunny.



Manners Memo

Reinforcing the expectations we have at school is a great way to encourage good manners to become automatic. We expect the children to stay seated the whole snack and lunch period. After they are finished, they help clear their space (throw away trash, pack up their things).

Reminder

Picture Day is next **Tuesday**, September 23rd. Please send your picture orders in with the Thursday folder.

Mentoring

This week the first and seventh grade made get-to-know-you booklets. They will come home soon.

Math Corner

We began the first unit focusing on the calendar and counting activities.

Calendar: We are using the calendar as a tool for keeping track of time and dates. To help your child become more familiar with a calendar, we suggest hanging one at home at your child's eye level, and let him/her mark the dates of important events in your family's life. They could also write or draw one thing to remember about each day.

Counting: Our goal is for first graders to be able to count quantities of about 20-30 accurately. With your help, your child can count even higher. Count sets of objects around the house such as silver ware, pennies, stuffed animals or collections of toy cars. What are some strategies for counting accurately?