August 19-23, 2024

***Mrs. Murphy’s Newsletter***

Hello 1st grade families!  We have been busy this week during English Language Arts reviewing letter sounds, and practicing CVC and sight words.  In Mathematics, we have been practicing counting on as we use our ten frame boxes for addition.  We are writing in our journals each day, practicing sight words, sound out words, spacing, capitalization at the beginning of a sentence, and punctuation.  Each day, a different student is chosen as the Student of the Day.  This student is our daily line leader, door holder, teacher’s assistant, calendar helper, errand runner, and classroom library helper.  It’s been a pleasure watching the students take this job so seriously.  Students checked out their first set of school library books last week.  School library books will stay at school for daily reading practice.

***THIS WEEK***

**English Language Arts** - Students will be bringing home the Wonders Unit 1, Week 1 packet.  It has this week’s spelling words and sight words listed.  Please have your child practice these words throughout the week

(reciting and writing) as they will be tested on them on Friday, August 23.  This will be our first spelling test of the school year, and a grade will be recorded.  Also, please have your child read the *Nat and Sam* story (on the back of page 1 of this packet) each night for fluency and accuracy practice.  They will be tested on it as well.  The Fast and Fluent sheet is also for fluency practice.  If they can read it three times each night, you can record the time in the boxes provided.  They will notice that by the 3rd try, they will probably



read it in less time compared to the first read. This is also great practice for fluent and accurate reading.

**Mathematics**

We will begin Lesson 1 in Mathematics this week on the concept of Counting On to Add.  Please read through the informational sheet in your child’s green STAR folder, and do the activity on page 4 of the one page, double sided handout.

**Homework**

* From Wonders Unit 1, Week 1 packet:  study weekly spelling and sight words & read *Nat and Sam* story, as well as  Fast & Fluent sentences.
* Read *Nat* story in enclosed Snap Shots book for fluency, accuracy and comprehension practice.  Refer to the ***Read Every Day*** handout in STAR folder on how to support your child’s reading at home.
* Counting On to Add - page 4 (Math)

**Important Dates**

* *August 30* - 1pm Dismissal
* *September 2* - Labor Day (No School)
* *September 6* (date change) - Summer Reading Field Trip
* *September 12* - Picture Day

**Reminder:**  If you have not yet turned in your order form and money for our class t-shirt, please do so **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** as I need to turn in our order to our t-shirt maker.  Thank you so much!