

MRS HEATH'S FIRST GRADE CLASS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

- **NO SCHOOL:**
 - MONDAY, 9/7 (LABOR DAY)
 - THURSDAY, 9/17 (STAFF DEVELOPMENT)
 - FRIDAY, 9/18 (FAIR)
- **LATE START (10:15 AM):**
THURSDAY, 9/24
- **FUND RUN @ THS TRACK:**
 - SATURDAY, 9/26
 - TIME:
 - REGISTRATION @ 8:00 AM
 - RUN BEGINS @ 9:00 AM
- **HOMECOMING PARADE:**
 - FRIDAY, 9/11 @ 2:00 P.M. IN THS PARKING LOT
- **DRESS UP DAY:** FRIDAY, 9/25
 - BACKWARDS CLOTHES DAY

LIBRARY

Each week we have library time on Wednesday. Please have your child bring their books back each week to check out new books. If your child is not finished with the book, they are welcome to keep it another week then return it. Your child can only have two books checked out at one time. One book should be around their reading level, and the other will be their choice.

HOMEWORK

The only consistent homework the first graders will have is their Homework Logs, which are due on Tuesdays. These packets will have a chart to keep track of days that you and your child read/do spelling homework for 20 minutes. You only need to have your child return the front page each week.

Welcome to
First Grade

Contact Information

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Please never hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns!

STANDARDS

Reading/Writing

- Identifies and says the beginning, middle, and ending sounds in a spoken, one-syllable word.
- Hears and shows each sound in a word.
- Orally segments a word, using manipulatives to mark each phoneme when given a single-syllable word.
- Can blend sounds together to say a one-syllable word.
- Identifies and says a consonant digraph in a word.
- Identifies the digraph when given a list of words.
- Says, reads, and spells the digraphs correctly (ch, sh, th, wh, ck, tch).

Math

- Can compare two whole numbers 0-99, using greater than (>), less than (<), or equal to (=).
- Order three or more numbers from 0-200, from least to greatest and greatest to least.
- Can identify and write any whole number from 0-200.
- Can count by 1's, 2's, and 10's to 120 starting from any number less than 100.

Science

- Use observations of the sun, moon, and stars to describe patterns that can be predicted.
- Understand that different times of year relate the amount of daylight to the time of year.

Social Studies

- Recognize that each person belongs to many groups such as family, school, friends, and community.
- Compare differences in the ways families lived today to how they lived in the past.

CLASSWORK

As you look at your student's work you will sometimes see that it is incomplete. During class we don't always have time to finish everything. If you would like your child to finish the work at home for practice that is great but they do not have to. If there is a required piece of homework, I will write "homework" in a bright color at the top.

SIGHT WORDS

In August, your child received a bright orange sightword packet. Please have your child cut out one page of words at a time and go through them until they know them just by looking at them. You can check it off on the tracking sheet as they go.

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AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINE

Unless we are notified otherwise, students will follow the end-of-day plans indicated on student information cards. Please notify the school if your child is going to be going somewhere different by 2:00 pm. Mrs. Raymond will give your student a yellow note that tells them where they will be going and allows me to know when there are changes in a student's end-of-day plans. Please let me know if you have any questions about this! Mrs. Raymond's email is hraymond@troysd287.org or you can call the office at +1(208) 835-4261.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays will be celebrated by having a dance party, games in the classroom, or extra recess time. You are welcome to bring a snack to share, but it must be approved from the snack list in the Troy Elementary Handbook, which is also found below. There must be enough snacks for everyone in the class. We have 27 students this year.



SNACK LIST:

The following items need to be in the original packaging so ingredients can be reviewed: Crackers, Oreos, Frozen yogurt, Frozen juice bars, Popcorn, Popsicles.

If your child is exposed to foods not listed above, the food will be sent home with the child for parents to decide if they want their child to consume the item.



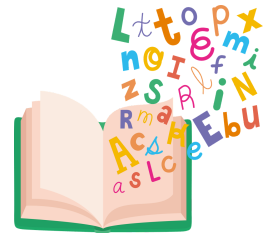
***PLEASE DO NOT SEND
BIRTHDAY INVITES TO SCHOOL.**

IDAHO READING INDICATOR (IRI) – ISIP EARLY READING ASSESSMENT

The Idaho Legislature enacted Idaho's Reading Indicator, the IRI is designed to ensure that all children in the state of Idaho master the skills they need to become successful readers. Troy Elementary K-3 is administering the Amira Indicators of Progress (ISIP) monthly. Each month First Grade students will be assessed on Phonemic and Phonological Awareness, Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, and a Writing Component. We report the ISIP information to the Idaho State Department in the Fall and the Spring.

SPELLING

Please take time to practice the words in the SuperKids homework packet at home and talk with your child about the "rules" the words follow.



SPELLING WORDS

- Short Vowels: big, dig, hop, mop, tug, rug, cat, flat, best, nest
- /ch/: bunch, lunch, inch, pinch, ranch, branch, chip, chop, chick, check
- /sh/: fish, wish, rush, brush
- Memory Words: I, a, the, for, you, like, to, of, no, was, put, said, my, she, her, he, his

PLANNED ABSENCE

If you know your child is going to be gone, please contact myself or Mrs. Raymond in the office. This allows us time to prepare your child's work or discuss the day's plan with them.



THINGS TO KNOW:

School Drop Off/Pickup: School drop off and pick up is at the front of the building. Please do not drop off/pick up students in the back of the school – that is for buses only.

Toys: Please make sure your child leaves all toys and trinkets at home so they don't get lost or are not a distraction to the learning environment!