September 3-6, 2024

***Mrs. Murphy’s Newsletter***

Hello 1st grade families!  We have been busy during English Language Arts reviewing letter sounds, and practicing CVC and sight words.  We have also been learning about different story genres, sequencing in a story, and details. In Mathematics, we have been adding doubles and doubles plus 1.  We are writing in our journals each day, practicing sight words, sound out words, spacing, capitalization at the beginning of a sentence, and punctuation. Students took their first Accelerated Reader quiz online this week. This is a comprehension quiz that asks 3-5 questions about their leveled library book they chose during school library time with our librarian, Ms. Ball. School library books will stay at school for daily reading practice.  Students also began working on a computerized program called IXL, for both English Language Arts and Mathematics practice of skills taught.  Open House is Thursday, September 5 from 3:15-6:15. This is an opportunity for your child to show you the amazing work he/she has been doing in class! I hope to see you then. Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, September 4.

***THIS WEEK***

**English Language Arts** - Students will be bringing home the Wonders Unit 1, Week 3 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, September 6.  Also, please have your child read the *Flip* story (on the back of page 1 of this packet) each night for fluency and accuracy practice.  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 attempt, 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 3 in Mathematics this week on the concept of Adding in Any Order.  Please read through the informational sheet in your child’s green STAR folder, and do the activity on page 52 of the one-page, double sided handout.

**Homework**

* From Wonders Unit 1, Week 3 packet:  study weekly spelling and sight words & read *Flip* story, as well as Fast & Fluent sentences.
* Return Spelling Practice Sheet (write words 3 times)
* If your child is ready for a new take home book to read, he/she can exchange their current one for a new one. A reminder, that they are practicing fluency, accuracy and comprehension which will help them make progress in their reading skills.  Refer to the ***Read Every Day*** handout in STAR folder on how to support your child’s reading at home.
* Add In Any Order p. 52 (Math)

**Important Dates**

* *September 3-6 - Scholastic Book Fair*
* *September 4 – Progress Reports*
* *September 5 – Open House 3:15-6:15*
* *September 6 (date change) - Summer Reading Field Trip for students who completed summer reading*
* *September 12 - Picture Day*