

Mrs. Catherwood's Castle News!

Word Families:

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September 7, 2012

In The Classroom:

Hello!

Thank you so much for a wonderful start to the school year! We have had so much fun learning about ourselves and each other!

Math Stations:

We have been reviewing a lot the past two weeks. We have been practicing counting to 20, writing our numbers the right way (not backwards!), 2-D shapes (triangle, square, rectangle, and trapezoid), counting money, and making addition number sentences (forwards and backwards). Please practice counting coins (pennies, nickels, and dimes) with your child. Also, begin to practice counting by 5's and 10's to 40 at first, then to 100!

Literacy:

This week we have been learning about how to take care of and use our classroom library. We also have been learning about what GOOD readers do! Readers focus on what they are reading, look at words and pictures, sound out hard words, skip a hard

word, read ahead, then go back and read again, make predictions, and use their schema (what they already know!). 1st graders should be able to read for 15 minutes or more by the end of the year, so focusing on what we read is a big goal for us! Please practice this at home! Please check "What We Do in the Classroom" online to see the great books we have read!

Writer's Workshop:

We have begun to introduce the Writing Process (Choose a topic, draft, conference with an adult, and publish). As the year goes on we will add more steps to this process. We also have been reviewing using spacing between words, using capital letters ONLY at the beginning of our sentences, writing 3 sentences about a topic, and using periods at the end of our sentences. These are skills that we will continue to work on through the year! Please work with your child on using lowercase letters as this is a big goal for 1st grade!

Science/Social

Studies:

We have been learning about ourselves



and our families in Social Studies. We have discussed our grandparents and how important our families at home can be, as well as our family at school!

***Word Study quiz will be on Sept. 28th! Please see your child's list of words mid-September in their GO Folder!

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

Grand Gator Day	9-6 & 7
Curriculum Night	9-17 6pm
Picture Day!	9-18
Early Release	9-21 12:30
Interims for students below grade level	9-24
No School - Workday	9-26

Crowning Behavior!

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

"HIP! HIP! HOORAY!" to Ashton for participating and always using complete sentences! And to

Joanna for reading loud and proud with great expression! What great leaders we have in our room!

Class Wishlist:

- Creation Station items
- Prizes for Prize Box
- GLITTER or METALLIC gel pens
- Color Stamp Ink
- Letter Writing Paper (Stationary)
- 3M Scotch painters tape (tan & wide)