



Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! I am excited to be your child's teacher this year. It is such an exciting time for your child where they will grow by leaps and bounds this school year! I have been teaching for 25 years and I continue to be amazed by the progress the little ones make during this developmental period. I look forward to working with your child and your family to ensure that he or she reaches their full potential this year. Please don't hesitate to call me or email me with any questions you may have over the course of this year. My email address is [nichole.gutierrez@threerivers.k12.or.us](mailto:nichole.gutierrez@threerivers.k12.or.us)

### **Labeling**

Please make sure that your child's backpack, lunch box, and jackets are all labeled with their first and last name.

### **Snacks**

Please send your child to school with two healthy snacks. Snacks should not include candy, soda or desserts. Thank you for helping keep their bellies full!

### **Lunch**

Lunch is provided free of charge for all Madrona students. I suggest that you visit the Three Rivers School District's website to look at the lunch options for the week in case the options are not to their liking. If you choose to send your child to school with a lunch, please make sure it is labeled. Staff do not have access to a refrigerator or microwave. We appreciate your support with this.

### **Water Bottles**

It's also helpful if you send a reusable water bottle to school each day with your child. Water bottles can be refilled at school and will be sent home everyday. We appreciate your support in keeping the little ones hydrated!

## **Folders**

We have just placed an order for folders and your child will be given one hopefully next week. Folders should be sent back to school everyday. We look through them each morning for parent communication and we often send notes or letters home about important events on campus and/or notes about your child's day. It's important for organization and essential for communication. Please empty the folder each night as well.

## **Changes in Transportation**

Please be sure to call the office with any changes in transportation. If your child takes the bus, we will send them home on the bus unless the office has been notified of a change by the parent and not the student.

## **Library**

We are excited to begin library visits this week. Our library day is Thursday. Please be sure that your child returns their library book the following Wednesday so that they can borrow a new book for the week. I recommend putting the book back in your child's backpack when you're done reading it so that it's always there. Library policy is that new books can not be checked out until the overdue books are returned or paid for. Thank you so much for your help with this!

## **Physical Education**

For the second year Madrona has a PE teacher! We have PE in the gym everyday. Please be sure to send your child in footwear that is appropriate for exercise. Thank you!

## **Homework**

We do not have homework in kindergarten. We do send home phonemic awareness practice worksheets, high frequency word flashcards, games and decodable readers for extra practice. We encourage you to use these to work at home with your child to learn their letters, sounds, numbers and build phonemic awareness skills.



# Our First Grade Classroom News

The Week of September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

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## Upcoming Events

- 9/4 Labor Day/ No School
- 9/18-21 Scholastic Book Fair  
(more details to follow)
- 9/21 Open House 5:30-7:00

## Our Learning

Reading: What is important about being a friend?

Spelling: Short a, consonants n, d, p, f.

Math: Addition to 10

Writing: Labeling, writing a sentence

Theme: Friendship

## Sight Words

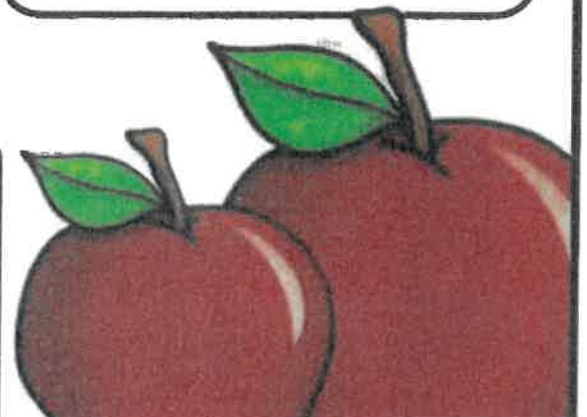
and be help  
\*you play with  
\* also on spelling test

## Reminders

- Homework folders are due each Thursday.
- Water bottles should be cleaned and brought in daily.
- Snack time is provided daily. Class snacks are welcomed!

## Home-School Connection

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Madrona Hornets Family News

September 5, 2023



## **Last week was a great first week!**

\*We got to know one another through our “paper bag sharing”,

\*We did some Math and Phonics practice, and got acquainted with our school and classroom routines.

\*We also completed our first DIBELS Reading and Acadience Math testing, which will help determine what supports students need to grow their Reading and Math skills.

**This week** we will practice signing into Chromebooks with our usernames and passwords, begin digging deeper in to our academic learning and take our **STAR Reading and Math** assessments to give us additional information about student learning needs.

**Homework** this week consists of practicing our weekly spelling list, practicing our “counting on” Math skill, and reading at home and beginning the September **monthly reading log** attached to this letter. Please post your child’s reading log in a place where it is visible and accessible to use regularly. Reading at home can look different for different students. For those who are in the beginning stages of reading, students may be read to/with by an adult or older sibling. For those who can read independently, students may read aloud to an adult, or silently to themselves. **Our goal is for students to read at least an hour each week at home--or about 15 minutes, four days a week.** Your support, through reminders and/or listening and/or reading with your child, is very important. Thank you for this valuable contribution to your child’s learning.

## **COMING UP**

**Scholastic Book Fair: Sept. 18-21**

**Open House: Sept. 21**



## ParentSquare

If you haven’t already done so, please download the free Parent Square app. Our district is using Parent Square for school/home communication, and having the app enables more features to improve school/home connections.

*Thanks for all you do to support  
your child’s learning,*

*Mrs. Edwards*



Mrs. Regal's 3rd Grade Newsletter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

September 11th - 14th, 2023 AR Points \_\_\_\_\_ AR Needed 10+ (by end of quarter)

I have read this weeks Newsletter Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Good Afternoon 3rd Grade Family!

A reminder for your students:

1. Please be sure they have a **water bottle** here at school! I will send them all home on Thursday of each week to be washed and returned on Monday.

Here's what we're continuing to work on this week:

- **Math-** Understand Place Value to 10,000 place. Know standard form, word form, and expanded form of numbers. ex: 1,254, one-thousand, two-hundred, fifty-four, and  $1,000+200+50+4$
- **Reading-** Identify the Main Idea and Details of a story. Determine Character Traits of main characters, & identify Antonyms, (opposite), ex: hot = cold
- **Science-** Weather & The Water Cycle and its impact.
- **LIBRARY BOOKS SHOULD TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH FROM HOME TO SCHOOL DAILY.** When a book is completed at home students can take an AR test at school.

Thanks for ALL you do with your kiddo!

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3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

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\*Parent Square is the most efficient way to contact me

#### Calendar of Events

##### Reminders:

Breakfast @ 7:00

Dismissal @ 2:25

\*\*Student drop off and pick up is behind the gym near the gravel parking lot

##### September:

**9/18-9/21 Book Faire**  
You may load an ewallet card or send in cash with your child.

##### **OPEN HOUSE!**

Thursday, 9/21st  
@5:30 pm

##### October:

**10/2 Picture Day!**

**10/13 Statewide In-Service Day**

**10/26 End of 1st Qtr**

**10/31 Harvest Parties**

**NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAYS!**

**Homework due on Thursday:** Return completed reading log & Math Worksheet in the **purple** Homework Folder.

★Note from Mrs. Lovell:

Please remember to remain **IN YOUR CAR** when dropping off or picking up your kiddo.

**Student** should complete the attached reading log; parent should INITIAL.

##### Reminders

P.E. days are Monday thru Wednesday. Please wear or send appropriate shoes.

Library- Please return or renew all library books every Thursday. They should **STAY** in their backpack!



4<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework Log: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Due: **Thursday, September 14th, 2023**

MONDAY	Math/ELA Homework:	<u>Reading Log</u> BOOK TITLE: _____ Minutes Read: _____ <u>Parent's signature:</u> _____
TUESDAY	Math/ELA Homework:	<u>Reading Log</u> BOOK TITLE: _____ Minutes Read: _____ <u>Parent's signature:</u> _____
WEDNESDAY	Math/ELA Homework:	<u>Reading Log</u> BOOK TITLE: _____ Minutes Read: _____ <u>Parent's signature:</u> _____

**HOMEWORK POLICY:** Students are asked to read 20 minutes every night, record their time, and have a parent sign for full credit. They also need to choose one book to answer the comprehension questions in complete sentences (back page). The homework log is turned in every Thursday; students who have completed homework are welcome to participate in Free Choice Thursday!

Language Arts/Math homework is expected only if a student does not complete their classwork that day. These assignments are due the following morning they were assigned.

Students will have a spelling test every other Thursday (**Next Spelling Test: Thursday, September 14th**). They can study their spelling & vocabulary words any way they choose, in addition to completing the attached practice pages.

**CURRENT FOCUS:** In ELA students are asking the essential question "How do Friends Help Each Other?" in our anchor text "Winn Dixie." Our Target Skill/Strategies are: Point of View, Summarizing, and prefixes (re/un/dis). In math, students will be using models and strategies to show their understanding of place value (recognizing that each digit is ten times the value of the digit to the right).



# Mr. Swaim's Class Newsletter September, 2023

## Subjects at a Glance

Hello families! Here is what we are learning about!

**Reading: CCSS RL.5.1**  
Humorous Fiction, and  
Reader's Theater Genre

**Math: CCSS 5.NBT.A.3**  
Reading, Writing, and  
Comparing Decimals.

**Science: Earth and Space**  
Science, Earth's Rotation

**Social Studies: American**  
Geography and Resources,  
Economies in the Colonies

## Reading

**5.RL.1** Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

**5.RI.2** Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.

## Math

-Recognizing place value to read, write, and compare decimals to the thousandths.

-Rounding decimals to thousandths

## Important Dates

**September 12th: Hearing**  
**Screenings**

**September 15th: First Day**  
**of Hispanic History Month**

**September 18th-21st:**  
**Scholastic Book Fair**

**September 22nd: Madrona**  
**Open House @ 12:30**

**September 27th-28:**  
**Reading for education!**

## Science

**5-ESS1-2** Representing data in graphical displays to reveal patterns of daily changes in length and direction of shadows, day and night, and the seasonal appearance of some stars in the night sky.

## Social Studies

**Studies Weekly:**

**Week 7: The Colonies and Their Founding**

**Week 8: Jamestown**

**Week 9: Plymouth**

**Week 10: Colonial Life**

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SEPTEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 No School - Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Kinder Hearing Screening	13	14	15	16
17	18 Scholastic Book Fair	19 Scholastic Book Fair	20 Scholastic Book Fair	21 Scholastic Book Fair Open House 5:30-7:00 pm	22	23
24	25 Reading for Education	26 Reading for Education Kinder Hearing Screening	27 Reading for Education PTSG/Site Council Meeting at 2:45 pm	28 Reading for Education	29	30



# MADRONA ELEMENTARY

## OCTOBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Fall Picture Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 PBIS Assembly K-2 - 12:45 pm 3-5 - 1:15 pm	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 OMSI Assembly	20	21
22	23	24	25 Vision Screening Grades K, 1, 3, 5 PTSG/site Council Meeting at 2:45 pm	26	27	28
29	30	31 Trunk or Treat (pending volunteer support)	1	2	3	4