First Grade News

Math Toolboxes:

Each first grader has a math toolbox in the classroom filled with a number line, dice, marbles, and more. In order to add to our toolboxes I ask that you have your child bring in the following:

**20 Pennies 10 Dimes**

**10 Nickels 4 Quarters**

Please send in by Monday. Thanks!

August 26, 2016

Upcoming Events:

-Sunday, Sept. 4 – St. Joe’s Parish Pork Roast

-Monday, Sept. 5 – No school

**Happy Birthday!**

Your child is welcome to bring treats for his/her birthday. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on, or near, their half birthday.

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What we learned this week:

We have officially survived our first four days of school. I don’t know about your first graders but I’m exhausted! We spent a lot of our week getting into our routines and setting classroom and work-time expectations.

I was also able to get through the lengthy process of beginning-of-the-year assessments for our Everyday Math curriculum. This gives me a good gauge of where everyone is at. We were able to start unit one in math this week, which is a detailed review of different aspects of numbers. (Skip counting, one more- one less, estimating, comparing.)

I introduced our daily reading groups (Listen to Reading, Read to Someone, Read to Self, Word Work, and Work on Writing) to the first graders this week. Students had the chance to practice each center as well. Students will rotate between 3-5 of these centers daily, depending on time. Now that students are familiar with the rotations, I will spend a couple of days performing the beginning-of-the-year phonics assessments before we dive into our reading curriculum. I will also be doing a level assessment so I can appropriately group students for reading groups. I hope to finish this up next week.