First Grade News

Homework:

I am hoping that you and your first grader are finding our first week of homework to be manageable. In addition to math homework and sight words, it is essential that your child is reading nightly. At the beginning of the school year we don’t have a formal reading homework system. That comes later. So please be sure that your child is reading for at least 10 minutes every night.

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Upcoming Events:

* Sept. 16th – Spelling Test
* Sept. 23rd – Library Day
* Sept. 27th – First Grade Mass
* Sept. 28th – Early Dismissal

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What we learned this week:

**Reading Groups:** I finished up assessments this week and we were able to meet as leveled groups. This week we reviewed short a and beginning sounds in our phonics lesson. We also worked on categorizing and classifying words.

**Math:** We finished up our first math unit this week with a self-assessment and a written assessment. Our next unit starts our year-long journey into addition strategies and facts. This unit will take us a little longer as we will be stopping periodically to have addition days where we will only work on addition strategies.

**Social Studies:** This week we discussed leaders and rules. We compiled a list of different leaders and rules. Next week we are going to be learning how to read a map of our classroom!

**Writing:** We continued our writing unit this week. Our first focus is topic. The first graders discussed topics that would be interesting to read about. We also started our first writing project titled “I Wish.”

Next week we start Word Wednesday. Make sure to ask your child about our word that day! They will be wearing reminders ☺