



WELCOME

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Questions or Concerns?

Communication is important to us....



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Back-to-school Routines: Thank you for helping your child develop the habits of coming to school on time, reading daily, and completing homework. By reviewing and signing their student planner daily, you are communicating your value for learning and supporting your child's success at school.

Literacy

Thank you for your support of reading at home. This is an essential part of your child's reading practice. To encourage your child's natural curiosity and to promote a life-long love of reading, we will be participating in a variety of literacy-enriching activities in our classrooms. Your child will participate in guided, small group, and independent reading. We will share stories read aloud as well as read for information in Science and Social Studies. In addition, we will be integrating word studies instead of a traditional spelling program. With "Words Their Way", students will have an individualized words study selection. This will replace traditional spelling lists. Students will learn spelling rules and patterns within words to become better spellers. The focus will be on understanding how words are formed rather than memorizing whole words for a test. As a result of word study, student knowledge has a wider application. This will help your child become a stronger reader, writer, and speller. Writing activities will connect and extend learning further, integrating all our subject areas while improving skills in developing and communicating ideas as well as learning correct grammar.



Math

This year we will begin with a review of addition and subtraction; ensuring that our students have the skills to apply their knowledge in real-world and problem-solving situations and for new learning with multiplication and division. We are excited to implement the new district adopted "Investigations" math program this year. This resource will help us to maximize student learning; reinforcing the application of math concepts through more engaging hands-on experiences.

Upcoming Dates to remember:



8/19 through 8/21 Book Fair Continues (during school hours)

9/7 Labor Day – No School

9/18 No School - Teacher Planning Day

10/15 Last Day of First Quarter

10/16 No School – Teacher Work Day

10/22 Parent-Teacher Conferences ☺