

Mrs. Messina's Class Information

Homework will be given Monday -Thursday.

1. Please read with your child each night.
2. Spelling Practice
3. Math workbook page



If your child is having difficulty with any assignment, please let me know.



Spelling homework will be listed in the front of your child's spelling notebook. Spelling tests will be given on Fridays.

Word Boxes

Once we begin our *Foundations* Spelling-Unit 2, you will receive a list of spelling words and trick words each Monday. Students will be bringing home index cards with the words on them. These cards will be found in the back of your child's spelling notebook. Please take the cards out each Monday. Use the word box at home to store spelling and trick word cards. These cards can be used throughout the week at home. Help your child to file his/her cards when a new list comes home with new word cards.

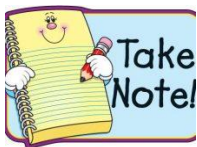
Sample Word Card Practice:

Help your child to remove all of the word cards from the box for review. Have your child try to read each card. If your child reads the word without any hesitation, the card can be placed in a "Word Bank"-baggie/shoebox. If your child cannot read the word independently, you can offer a clue, or simply tell your child the word. If your child needs further practice in learning the word, simply return the card back to the box for additional practice. When placing a card back into the box, help your child to file it, using the alphabet dividers. Any words not mastered one week should be worked on each week that follows until your child can read

them independently. Words that have been mastered can be removed from the box.



Math homework will be given as reinforcement when needed. Please look for our math bookmark and the letters “HW” on the workbook page that is assigned for homework. At the end of each math chapter, you will receive a Chapter Review page. This will let you know that the test will be administered within the next one or two days. Feel free to review the skills and concepts at home with your child.



Notes are an important way to keep open lines of communication between the home and the school. Please make sure that all notes are clearly labeled. Tell your child that there is a note in his/her folder. Please send your child to school with an absent note when he/she misses school. Please feel free to email me as well. **A change in dismissal should always be written in a note.** If you are unable to do this, you ***must*** call the office. **Never rely on email only to relay dismissal information.** Computers go down and sometimes there is a lag between when you send your email and when it is received through our server.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays in first grade! Simply send in a special treat for your child only. It could be a delicious homemade/store-bought cupcake, cookie, slice of cake etc. We will all sing *Happy Birthday* to your child during snack time and then he/she can enjoy the special birthday treat from home. Thank you



for your understanding. Summer birthdays will be celebrated at the end of the school year.

Snack



We have snack every day in the morning. Please send in a small, healthy snack and a drink with your child. Fruits, yogurt, pretzels, cheese, and crackers are a few examples. A protein and a carbohydrate are best for providing your child with energy. If you do not send your child with a snack, we are not permitted to give your child food. It is very important to remember to send in a snack, separate from your child's lunch every day.



Star Student and Class Mascot

Each student will be assigned a week to be our "Star." The star student will bring home a poster to be completed at home before the star week begins. Stars are invited to bring in a few photos, a show and tell, and their favorite book to share with the class.

Pete the Cat is our class mascot. Each week, Pete will get the opportunity to spend the weekend with our star's family. Please remind your child to care for him, take him along on family adventures, and complete his travel journal. Feel free to include pictures. We look forward to hearing about all of his adventures!



Guest Reader

You will have the opportunity to be a guest reader on **Fridays** from **2:10-2:25** in our classroom, room 11. You can choose one of your child's favorite books from home to read to the class. The duration of this reading should be approximately 15 minutes. After the reading, you and your child will head over to the main office where your child will receive a special ribbon. If you can't make the allotted day/time, you may send a grandparent or other special relative in your place. You may also contact me to attempt to arrange a new date/time.