



September First Grade News

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Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents and students for a successful start to the year! We appreciate your attendance at 'Back to School Night'. Your involvement is critical for a successful year. We are grateful for all the donations you have provided, or agreed to provide, for our classrooms. They certainly do enrich our experiences!

Field Trip to Discovery Center and Zoo!!!

We will take an exciting field trip on Tuesday, October 6th. The first grade classes will split the day between the Discovery Center and the zoo. Our day will focus on first grade science indicators. The trip will be outside for part of the day. Students will need to bring a sack lunch and drink (no glass) that day. Please dress your child in layers (according to the weather) and tennis shoes for the trip. You may want to put sunscreen and insect repellent on your child that morning before they come to school. A few

volunteers will be needed for each class. If you would like to join us and supervise a small group, please contact your child's teacher. No siblings are permitted on field trips, as per district policy. More information will be sent home closer to the date.



What we have been learning!

Language Arts: We are diving into our English and Language Arts curriculum! This program emphasizes vocabulary, grammar, phonics, spelling, reading and writing. Our focus has been on short vowel words. We enjoyed our first story in our hard-back readers. Your child will bring home their reader each Thursday to share a story with you. We have been practicing writing sentences with a naming and telling part that include capitalization, spacing, and periods.

Science/Social Studies- The year began with a study of Rules and Laws. We are now studying Solar Energy and the Seasons. Our Solar S'mores will be a great way to kick-off this study.

Math- We have started our math series Go Math! Students have been learning how to add using counters, linking cubes, and pictures. We have also learned new vocabulary such as: addends, sum, and equals to. Next, we will begin to learn about subtraction.

Working through homework pages with your child is a great way to guide your student for math success!

Invitation Reminder: Please remember students may only hand out birthday invitations at school if they are inviting every student in their classroom. This way we can avoid hurt feelings. Thanks for your help!

Snacks: First grade is promoting good life choices and will only serve snacks that teach healthy eating habits. Fruits, vegetables, dairy and whole grain products will be served for daily snack. Birthdays are an exception to the healthy snack policy. **Please remember that all items sent into the classroom must be nut free in some classrooms.** In these cases, please include the ingredients list from the packages or containers.

Community Flyers Now Available Online

In order to improve access and efficiency, Auburn-Washburn is now posting online, most flyers submitted from community groups for distribution to students. These flyers will no longer be sent home with students. Go to <http://www.usd437.net/flyers> to see these postings.



Upcoming Events

Friday, September 4
Monday, September 7
Friday, September 11
Wednesday, September 16
Saturday, September 26
Monday, September 28
Tuesday, October 6

Solar S'mores Activity
No School- Labor Day
Grandparent's Luncheon
Early Release Day (3:00pm)
Pancake Breakfast
No School (In-service)
Discovery Center/Zoo Field Trip