

1D Newsletter

AUG. 20-24

Important Dates

AUG. 20—FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AUG. 24—STYLE DAY



Special Area

Schedule

Monday: Music

Tuesday:

Computers

Wednesday: PE

Thursday: PE

Friday: Library

NOTES FROM MRS. WAGMAN:

- Style Day is every Friday this year!
- If a **classroom book** is sent home to read it is imperative that your child return it to school the following day. First grade shares materials and book sets. If your child does not return the book the next day that means a child from another class will be without their materials. Students will lose time from their recess if books are not returned.
- **Spelling Tests** are given every Thursday. There are always ten spelling words and the amount of bonus words varies. The bonus words are always the "vocabulary" words for the week. If students learn to spell the bonus words as well they will be given extra points on their spelling test! On the back of the spelling paper there is room for sentences. I dictate a sentence to the students each week to write as well. Second quarter I will dictate two sentences. With sentences, students are given points for each word they spell correctly, a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence, and an ending mark at the end of the sentence. Words will be marked wrong for making letters backward (example: students often confuse b & d). It's important students learn to form their letters correctly so please reinforce this at home as they are practicing. **We will begin spelling tests next week.** Their first spelling list will be sent home Friday along with some spelling worksheets to use for extra practice at home. I will only send these practice sheets home one time this year so please make extra copies of them before using them. Put them in a safe place to help your child study. You do not need to send these back to me. It's for study purpose only. Some other ideas to help your child study are: play hangman with the words, use bathtub letters to spell them while bathing, use magnetic letters on the fridge, write them in shaving cream on the table, finger paint your words, use watercolors to write your words, or write your words with markers. Give your child a practice test during the week to ensure they are ready!

- Reminder... We have **Snack** every afternoon in our classroom. Please send something healthy with your child to eat (ex: crackers, fruit, granola bars). Please note that although students ate their Friday Ice cream during snack time in kindergarten, first grade eats the Friday Ice cream (\$1) during lunch. Please send snack on Friday as well. Ice cream money needs to be labeled and sent in your child's homework folder each Friday if you would like them to have ice cream.
- **Classroom E-mail:** My e-mail address is laura_wagaman@orangegrovecharter.com. I will be contacting all of you via e-mail by the end of this week. If you have not heard from me by Friday via e-mail please send me a note with your correct e-mail address attached and I will be sure to get back to you.



What We Will Learn This Week

Reading	Math	Writing	Spelling	Theme
STORY: -FIRST DAY JITTERS -DAVID GOES TO SCHOOL -IF I TOOK A MOUSE TO SCHOOL -BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR	NUMBER WORDS 1- 12	Getting to KNOW YOU Writing MY FIRST AND LAST NAME Copying the DATE FROM the BOARD	NONE	INTRODUCTION TO FIRST GRADE