

Dear Parents,

September 19, 2019

Welcome to "Meet the Teacher Night." The children are acclimating to their new class, while learning their new schedules and routines for first grade. We have a very busy day with a concentration in writing, reading, and math.

Our day begins with a "Do Now" and a journal question. We have an assembly every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, where birthdays and special announcements are addressed. We have weekly lessons in Foundations, math, reading, and writing workshop. Social studies and science are alternated every other week.

The Foundations Program, which is part of the Wilson Reading Program, assists the children with phonetic awareness, sounding out initial and final sounds, digraphs, and sentence structure. We have implemented The Lucy Calkins Writing Workshop Program this year, which is an all encompassing program designed to help bolster the writing skills of the children. The math curriculum will cover addition, subtraction, money, graphs, and geometry, to name a few.

Some of the science and social studies curriculum will include living and non-living things, food chains, matter, life cycles, communities, economics, current events, and mapping.

There will be homework assignments nightly, except weekends. Homework includes reading, and a weekly Reading Log. The children will be tested every Friday on their weekly spelling words and story.

Reminders:

Snacks: Please send a healthy snack. We generally have snack at approximately 10:00am

Homework Folder: Homework folders go home every day and are to be returned the following day. Please designate a time and a comfortable place for your child to do his homework. Please place all correspondence to me or the school in the homework folder.

Extra Help: I will be offering extra help on Thursday mornings beginning in October.

I look forward to a wonderful, exciting year with your children and you. Remember, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child". I am always available for you should you need me. You can reach me At maria.maxwell@bridgesli.org

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