

# What's Fun in Grade ONE?

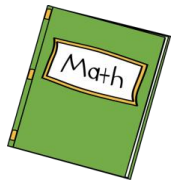
News from Mrs. Ligon and Mrs. Benz's Class  
September 18, 2017

## In the Classroom



**Literacy**– We will continue building our reading stamina (reading independently for longer periods of time). We will also be talking about the three ways to read a book: read the pictures, read the words, and retell the story. During phonics we will continue working on lower-case letter formation and reviewing letter sounds.

**Writing**– We will finish learning the parts of a complete sentence. We will also learn what a small moment story is and begin brainstorming some ideas for our own narratives.



**Math**– We will finish learning about number partners, including partners of 10. (Ex. 9 and 1, 8 and 2, 7 and 3, etc.) We will also begin learning about place value and how to count large quantities by making groups of ten with left over ones.

**Social Studies**– We will finish talking about resolving conflicts when they arise. We will be using "I feel" statements to do this. For example, "I feel distracted when you tap your pencil, please stop."



## Homework

Math homework begins this week. Homework will be sent home on Monday in Daily Folders. It should be completed and returned on Friday. First quarter Trick Words were also sent home this week. Please review these words each night. The more Trick Words your child can recognize by sight, the easier reading will be!

## Contact Information

My email address is [jligon@wcpss.net](mailto:jligon@wcpss.net). You can also reach me by calling the office at (919)870-4100.

## Class Website

Please visit our class website at:

[www.mrsligonsclassroom.weebly.com](http://www.mrsligonsclassroom.weebly.com)

There you can find information about what's going on in our classroom, along with helpful links to things like lunch accounts, lunch menus, school calendars, etc. I update the site regularly.

## Emailed Newsletters

If you have not already done so, please visit our class website and enter your email address so you can receive this newsletter via email. Our website is: [www.mrsligonsclassroom.weebly.com](http://www.mrsligonsclassroom.weebly.com).

## Friends and Family Pictures

Thank you to those who have sent or emailed your photos for our Friends and Family board. If you haven't already sent yours, please do so ASAP. I would love to be able to assemble our Friends and Family board by the end of the week!

## Open House

Please plan on joining us on Thursday, 9/28 at 6:30. This is a great opportunity to learn about our class! There will be two sessions available for you to visit our classroom. Both sessions will cover the same material. During this night, you will have the chance to learn more about the first grade curriculum, see some of the things your student has been working on in class, and learn how to help your student have a successful year. I hope to see all of you there!

## Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, coming to learning experiences, being a Mystery Reader, or joining us on field trips, **you must be registered and cleared as a Wake County volunteer** (even if you were a volunteer last year). This must be done on a school computer. It also takes a few weeks to process because the county does a background check.

### Daily Folders

Your student will bring home a yellow daily folder every day. **Please check this folder every evening and return it to school each day.** Any notes and money from home should be enclosed in the specified folder pocket– this will help ensure that I see them. If you send money, please indicate the purpose of the money (lunch, PTA, etc.)



### Snack

Our class will eat snack every morning around 10AM. Please send in a **DRY**, healthy snack with your child every day. Water bottles are a great drink for snack. Please do not send juice, as it tends to spill and make our tables sticky.

### Dress Code

The temperature in our classroom can vary from day to day. It's often helpful to send students with an extra layer (sweatshirt or light jacket) in case the AC is on. Also, please make sure that all straps on shirts are at least three fingers in width and all shorts/skirts are at least finger-tip length per the NRE dress code.

### Miscellaneous Reminders

- No transportation changes will be allowed without a written note or a call to the school office.
- Make sure your child wears tennis shoes on P.E. days (B day). These days are noted on your student's Daily Folder calendar
- Library books are due to school on E days. These days are noted on the Daily Folder calendar

### Important Dates

Thursday, 9/23– Teacher Workday, no school  
Saturday, 9/23– Campus Beautification 9–noon  
Thursday, 9/28– Open House 6:30–8:00pm  
Friday, 9/29– Early Release@ 12:30  
October 8<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup>– Box Tops Competition  
Tuesday, 10/24– Fall Pictures  
Tuesday 10/31– Teacher Workday, no school

### Classroom Wish List

We have everything we need right now, thank you!