

What's Fun in Grade ONE?

News from Mrs. Ligon and Mrs. Benz's Class
September 5, 2017

Welcome to First Grade

Last week was AMAZING! It was busy, exciting, tiring, and got us excited for the rest of the year! Thank you for the support you have already shown by coming to Meet the Teacher, sending in paperwork, and sharing supplies for the year! If you have not sent in paperwork, please do as soon as possible.

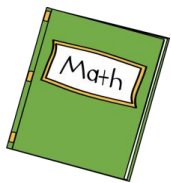
In the Classroom

This week, we will continue learning and reviewing the many procedures and routines of the classroom. We will also start our beginning of the year literacy assessments.



Literacy– We will be learning about reading stamina and how it helps us to be better readers. During phonics we will continue working on lower-case letter formation. We will also be reviewing letter recognition and letter sounds with fun alphabet activities!

Writing– We will begin to learn Writer's Workshop procedures. We will also write and share a story about something that we did over the summer.



Math– This week, we will practice counting and writing numbers from 1–120. We will also work on telling what number comes before and after a given number, and we will work on telling whether a number is greater or less than another number.

Social Studies– We will be 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

Homework will begin in later this month. Until then, please encourage your child to read each night.

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 by this Friday, September 8th. Thanks for helping us to build our School Family!

Class Website

Please visit our class website at:

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.

School Supplies



I am so impressed with how many students have already brought in their supplies! A **HUGE** thanks to all those who sent in extra supplies from the "Wish List" for our classroom! We appreciate your generosity! 😊

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

Every afternoon your student will bring home a yellow daily folder. **Please check this folder every evening and return it to school each day.** Completed work and other information will be sent home in this folder. 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 money, PTA money, etc.



Monday Folders

In addition to the daily folder, your child will frequently bring home a purple NRE folder on Mondays. Communication from the school and PTA will be sent home in this folder. Please look through this folder every Monday and have your child return it on Tuesday. Some weeks there may not be anything to send in Monday Folders. If this is the case, I will not send the folders home.

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 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

Wednesday, 9/6– Spirit Night@ Chick–fil–A
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

Contact Information

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

Classroom Wish List

–White paper plates