Miss Osani’s First Grade Class!

This is a very special year in your child’s school career! First grade is a time to acquire important new skills. Throughout the year, your child will learn to read, write stories, add, subtract, and so much more. I hope to instill a love of learning that will last a lifetime!

Here are a few things that will help make the year go smoothly….

**\*Homework\***

Your child needs to read every night for at least 10-15 minutes. This may include: reading to self, reading to someone, and/or listening to reading. **Throughout the school year, your child will be bringing home a reading textbook entitled “Journeys” as well as “leveled” reading books in their reading bag.** Student books need to be returned to school **daily.** Mark the reading log in the reading folder (the plastic folder) by initialing in the box that your child has read for the night. This log will be used to keep track of books read for the Foxy Reader program. *It is very important to return the books daily.*

**\*\*Poetry Folders** will go home on Friday, and need to be returned on Monday. Both the reading books and the poetry folders will be used in the classroom for independent reading, small group instruction, whole group instruction, and partner reading.

**\*\*Spelling and Word Wall Words:** We begin the year with words that we learn to spell and words that we learn to recognize and write by sight. The spelling list will come home each Friday with a test on the following Friday.

**\*\*Math Homework** will come home as an extension or reinforcement of class instruction as needed. The assignments will be clearly marked as homework – **“Home Link”** or *I stamp or write it on the top*. Please make a note on the top of the math homework if it takes over 5-10 minutes for your child to complete. As the year progresses, we will work toward the goal of mastering addition and subtraction facts to 20 within a given time period. Please make a note if it takes over 5-10 minutes to complete the homework.

**\*\*Snack Reminder\*\***

**Each Child Must Provide His or Her Own Healthy Snack If They Desire To Do So. The school does not provide a snack or a drink for first grade.**

Lunch is from 10:40-11:10 a.m. each day. It makes for a long afternoon for the children. We will have a snack time that is usually a work time, so please use discretion when sending snacks. Here are a few suggestions that are quick, healthy, and not too messy: granola bars, animal crackers, pretzels, fruit or vegetables, popcorn, crackers, cheese, etc…

**\*\*Specials\*\***

Your child will need sneakers for gym and an art shirt for art class. Library books must be returned before another is taken out.

**\*\*Birthdays\*\***

We will celebrate birthdays as close to the birthday as possible. You may send in a special treat for this day. **Birthday invitations need to be mailed unless there is one for every student in our class (or all boys or all girls). Children this age are very sensitive to being left out.**

**\*\*Arrival and Dismissal\*\***

We start our school instruction at 8:20 a.m., so it is very important to be on time for school. We begin bus dismissal approximately at 2:50. Students who walk home will be dismissed first and students who are picked up in a car will be dismissed after the bus students.

**\*\*Classroom Rules\*\***

To provide a safe and optimum learning environment, the children are expected to follow our classroom rules to the best of their ability.

* Be Kind To Your Classmates
* Be Polite
* Do Your Best Work
* Show Respect For Teachers, Classmates, and School Property

**If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. My email address is** **nosani@pasdedu.org****. The school phone number is 642-9557 and my home phone number is 642-7783.**

I am looking forward to a great year teaching your child!

Sincerely,

Miss Osani