

Kelley Class News



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Teacher-to-Parents

Dear Parents,

We are almost to the point that students can work independently when I am working with other students. This isn't an easy task, try to imagine getting 14 students to work quietly on the right thing while you work with 1 student. They will have to do this for as long as 30 minutes for literacy and 30 minutes for Math while I work with a small group of students. You can practice this at home. When your child works on something at home, you should be able to walk away from your child and he or she should be able to continue to work.

On this note, I want to talk with you about homework. Wake County suggests 1st graders have 20 minutes of homework at night. Our homework consists of one important thing-read to your child and have your child read to you. Then, talk to your child about what he/she read. After that, spend time doing things what we can't do at school: go on a nature walk, play a game, do physical activity together, play at a playground, or cook together. Most children would benefit from this far more than doing another worksheet at home.

Thank you for your patience! Our assistants have been out recently which means less hands at school. These means it takes a while to get things done. Just a reminder, please call the office if you have changes to transportation. This is the best way to ensure I get the message.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. King and Miss Golden

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Specials

Sept. 27-Oct. 1
Media

Oct. 4-8
Music

COVID Reminders

We strive to keep students distanced, but it is not always possible in classrooms and at lunch. For this reason, students will stay with their table group in all areas: classroom, specials, lunch table. This limits the number of people they can come in contact with at school. **Please be sure to let us know if your child is exposed to COVID. This is extremely important!**

Week-At-A-Glance

Literacy:

We continue to learn about tools and we will read a fiction book called "The Little Red Pen". We will continue to find out how they show examples of the Habits of Character (initiative, collaboration, and perseverance). The students will also use the text to determine how characters are feeling. The students will start writing in their writing journal now that they have finished learning how to write all the letters of the alphabet. I'm seeing some beautiful handwriting.

Math: We are starting to learn about word problems. We will learn how to use the Part-Part-Whole model and the Start-Change-Result chart to organize our thinking when we read word problems. Students will learn about Put Together and Add To word problems.

Positivity Project/Leadership: Open-Mindedness: You like to consider new ideas and try new things. You examine things from all sides and don't jump to conclusions.

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood-I listen before I talk

What's Happening



Title 1 Home-School Compact

Thank you for responding to this request so quickly! We had almost every one respond within 2 days. You are all so awesome! I can't wait to see what we get done this year. I appreciate your willingness to work alongside me as we help your child grow!

Fall Conferences Sign-Up

I'm looking forward to talking with you about how your child is doing so far in first grade. Let's schedule a virtual parent teacher conference together so we can talk together. Once you sign up, I will send you a Google Meet link for our conference. Our conference will be 30 minutes long. I'm looking forward to talking with you. Here is a link: <https://bit.ly/Kelley2021> or you can use this QR code.



Readers Are Leaders Night

We will have another leadership night as we focus on reading. We will share a little information about reader and will read stories to children. Get in your comfy PJs and enjoy a good book with your friends and teacher. Readers Are Leaders Night will be October, 7th at 6:00pm. We hope to see you there!



Please Charge Your Device

We are having a difficult time making sure that devices have enough power to do our work. Please be sure to charge your child's device every night so that it will be ready for the next days work. We have outlets in the room but it also means cords stretched out which becomes a hazard. Be sure to send your child power cable everyday just in case your child's battery is low. Thank you!



Reminders...

Bring a water bottle to school

Water fountains are not available to get water during the day. Students can bring a water bottles. Be sure to label your child's bottle.



Bring a snack to school

Students need to bring a snack to school each day. We have snack at the end of the day and they are hungry. Snack can be as simple as a bag of cereal.



Bring a face mask (and a spare)

We wear face masks in the school except for when they are eating. Students don't have to wear face masks outside as long as they are not up close. Let me know if you want your child to keep their face mask on outside (most kept theirs on).



Mark Your Calendar



- Oct 1:** \$7 for Scholastic News due
- Oct 6:** College T-Shirt Day
- Oct 7:** Readers Are Leaders Night, 6:00pm
- Oct 11:** No school, Teacher Workday
- Oct 27:** No school, Teacher Workday
- Nov 2:** No school, Teacher Workday
- Nov 3:** College T-Shirt Day
- Nov 11:** No school, Veteran's Day Holiday



We Need Snacks

If you would like to donate individually wrapped snacks, we would appreciate it. It can be crackers, chips, cookies.