

The Fahner Facts

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Facebook Closed Group: Mrs. Fahner's First Grade Classroom



Classroom Website: fahnersfacts.weebly.com

I am still hanging in there, or maybe I should say the baby is still hanging in there. I will be teaching our students until the baby comes which could be any day now! Ruthanne Edwards will be taking over during my maternity leave. She will be here both Monday and Tuesday to observe our students and my teaching style. The goal is to make this transition as seamless as possible.

Reminders:

Here are a few things to keep on your calendar:



- **Pajama Drive November 8th-December 8th:** Our school is collecting monetary donations to purchase pajamas for those in need or families can purchase pajamas on their own and turn them into our school. Scholastic will then place a book to go with each pair of pajamas donated.
- **Thursday November 16th:** Baby Fahner's Due date
- **Thursday November 16th and Friday November 17th:** Half Day Dismissal at 11:50 am
- **Tuesday November 21st:** Half Day Dismissal at 11:50 pm.
- **Wednesday November 22nd- Sunday November 26th:** Thanksgiving break NO SCHOOL

Reading:

Thank you so much for attending conferences a week ago. All families who requested extra sets of sight words should have received those on Tuesday to help your student practice at home.



We will continue to focus on 4-5 sight words per week as well as hone in on a phonetic skill that will help in both reading and writing. We are currently working on beginning and ending blends such as st, cl, br, gr, nd, etc.

When reading at home with your student, listen to the words that are challenging for him/her. Encourage your student to break the sounds apart and then put it back together. You can also see if the picture may help or have your student re-read the sentence to see what would make sense in that spot. Reading at least 10 minutes per night will have huge benefits for your student.

Writing:

Students submitted their first opinion piece regarding the best season. I will be keeping these and placing them in their writing portfolios so we can see their growth throughout the year! For the next two weeks we will focus on writing in response to the text and then do a week long study on informational writing.



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Math:

Our unit is quickly wrapping up our focus on adding and subtracting up to 12. We will continue learning skills that help students add 2 and 3 numbers together in both number sentences and word problems.



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At home, help your student build fluency by practicing addition and subtraction problems within 10. In addition, all students are expected to count to 120, write the numbers to 120 and identify any number up to 120. Practicing at home will help your student feel confident in doing these tasks at school.

Continue to look for a B, D, or M at the top of your student's quizzes and assessments. This is an indicator for families to see how their student is doing in the class. A B means that student needs lots of support with the concept. A D means that the student is developing that skill but still seeks guidance. A M means that the student has shown mastery in that specific skill. I use this as a means of communication between school and home. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Science:

We will be concluding our weather and seasons unit before the Thanksgiving break. After the break, Mrs. Edwards will begin our animal unit with the class.



Social Studies:

Social Studies will resume in January.



PBIS:

Many of our students are struggling with following the school rules, especially when I am out of the classroom. This was addressed with specific families at conferences but seems to be affecting our entire class.



Please discuss the importance of being safe, respectful and responsible with your student. I am passing out many starjackets to encourage kids and reward kids who are making positive choices, but your help is always beneficial and appreciated.

Technology:

Students are getting pretty quick at logging onto the games and assessments using our computers. We have taken many tests these two weeks, so the upcoming break is much needed for our students.

Be sure to check your student's folder each day for important information

Enjoy your weekend,
Holly Fahner