



First Grade

# News

What's Happening in  
Mrs. Gascon's Classroom



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## Technology in Action!

To the left of this page, you will find a link to our classroom website. On the page, you can download pictures and see what is happening this month on the "Calendar" page. Check back often for updates! If you click the "First Grade Technology Projects" page, you will find many projects that we have been working on lately.

There is also a link to our Kidblogs! We have started blogging in first grade! Blogging is a way to share your ideas with others on the internet and it is fun. Blogging helps build reading and writing skills while preparing students to be 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners.

If you haven't yet, please visit our Kidblog site and comment on your child's posts. They will be excited to see it and better yet, it will motivate them to write more! Mr. MacDonald and Mrs. Doremire have already commented! I look forward to seeing more parent comments soon.

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## Mrs. Gascon's Reminders

Keep practicing those sight words at home! Here is an undated list for you to practice.

Am	he	what
Are	like	me
Be	one	my
Because	said	could
Been	sure	would
Can	some	should
Color	two	thought
Come	their	brought
Do	there	bought
Does	very	
Done	will	
Don't	want	
Didn't	was	
From	where	
Friend	won't	
Goes	with	
Have	who	

## Spelling Tips

Studying spelling words can be fun! Try some of the ideas below to motivate your child to practice their spelling words at home.

**Rainbow Words-** Write your words using different colored markers.

**Backwards Words-** Write your words forwards, then backwards.

**Story Words-** Write a story using all your spelling words.

**Scrambled Words-** Write your words on a piece of paper. Cut them apart, scramble them up, then put them back together!

**Ransom Words-** Write your words by cutting out letters in a newspaper or magazine and glue them onto a piece of paper.

And finally, practice, practice, practice the sentence at the bottom of the spelling test! It counts as four points on the test. Students must have correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization and finger spaces!

## Odds and Ends

### Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents who donated items for the Halloween Party and for the Silent Auction Baskets. Another thank you to Mrs. Tomlin who put the baskets together!

### Guided Reading Books

During the week, I pull your child twice for reading groups. On the first day, we read the story together. On the second day, we discuss and write about the book. As a result, books will only come home once a week. Keep up your great reading at home! If you are having trouble finding a "Just Right Book" for your child at home, I'd be happy to help.