



First Grade

News

What's Happening in
Mrs. Gascon's Classroom

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Welcome to First Grade!

It has been a great two weeks of school. I'd like to thank all the parents who wrote me letters about their children. Reading these accounts of your children gets me excited to learn more about them as the year progresses. I'm already starting to observe many of the attributes that you noted make your child so unique! ☺

This newsletter will come home once a month, sometimes more often if needed. Its purpose is to fill you in on what is happening in first grade, from upcoming events and birthdays, current topics we are learning about in class, reminders, and fun facts about our first graders. The blog on our classroom website will be used to fill you in on weekly happenings in class, including fun projects, lessons, and photos.

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Mrs. Gascon's Reminders

Nightly Checklist

- Did you sign the planner page?
- Did you initial each completed homework page?
- Did you fill in the Reading Log with the number of minutes read?
- Did you pack a healthy snack?
- Did you remember to lay out your belt for tomorrow? (All first graders are required to wear a belt as a part of the dress code.)

What is a QR Code?

A QR code is very similar to a bar code and can be scanned using a free QR Code app on your iPad,



iPhone, tablet or Android Smart Phone! In class we will scan QR Codes with our ipads and participate in educational scavenger hunts.

The code I've included on the front of this page will lead you to our classroom website.

Odds and Ends

Reading Log

Please remember to read at home and fill in the Reading Log when you finish. The 15 minutes a night is an average. With soccer, dance, and other after school activities, I understand it is difficult to read each night. On the weekend, you can make up the minutes you didn't read during the week.

Reading Logs are due, totaled and signed the last day of each month.

Homework

Starting next week, look for a phonics and math homework page in the "Right Back to School" side of the FISH binder!

School Handbook

Please remember to return the last page of the ICA handbook!



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Happy Birthday!

Brogan: September 9th

Hailey: September 9th

Matthew: September 15th

Upcoming Events

9/20- Ice Cream Social 6:30

10/3-10/4: Parent Teacher Conferences

Fun Facts

- First graders have been learning many new math centers.
- In Phonics, students are learning how to "secret code" their words. Ask them how!