



First Grade

News

What's Happening in
Mrs. Gascon's Classroom



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Welcome to First Grade!

I'm very happy to be your child's teacher this year! It has been a great two weeks of school. You can expect to see this newsletter once a month and some months I will need to send home more. If you asked to have the newsletter emailed, look for the next one in your inbox in October! The purpose of the newsletter is to let you know what is happening in class and to let you know about special parties or events for the month.

Throughout the year, I will be taking photos and positing them on the classroom website. You can find this address on the left side of this page. Check it often for the latest pictures and projects completed in first grade.

As a heads up, parent teacher conferences will be October 4th and 5th. I can't wait to see you there to talk about all the great work your child is doing in first grade!

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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 book you read and the number of minutes?
- Did you pack a 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 above and on the front of this page will lead you to our classroom website. Scan it often for updates from our class!

Odds and Ends

Reading Log

Our classroom is full of great readers! 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, football and other after school activities, I understand it is difficult to read each night. On the weekend, you can make up for the minutes you didn't read during the week. For example, if you read 10 minutes one night, you can read 20 minutes another night to make up the difference. Reading Logs are due, totaled, September 28th.

Spelling Lists

I probably threw many of you for a loop by putting the "First Grade Sight Word" list in the "Spelling List" spot in the FISH Binder! Those words are words that our first graders will be learning to read this year and you can practice reading them at home. The actual spelling list will not be in there until the second week of October, which is when we will begin spelling tests!

Homework

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