



Mrs. Porter's First Grade Fun Facts

Dear Parents,

August 20, 2018

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We had a great week last week. We named our classroom frog ("Firecracker Spots"), read books about the first days of school, played games to learn the names of our friends in class, wrote in our journals, talked about the importance of using the words, "I can!" instead of "I can't" and made "I Can Read" books!

This week we begin our color study. It is a great way to help build unity among the first grade classes as well as helping the children feel confident with something they are already familiar with. We will be reading a variety of color books, making a color mural and doing some color experiments. The day for each color is listed below.

Thank you again for coming to the Back-to-School night last week and the parent informational meeting in the afternoon. Hopefully by giving you this information, it will help us to have a more smooth transition into first grade.

Should you need to get a hold of me for whatever reason, please feel free to contact me at the following places. Thank you! Mrs. Porter Cell #: 801.362.9819 juliepo@provo.edu

Fact #1: Color Days

A flyer about First Grade Wasatch Color Days was sent home on Friday with your child. We will be talking about the primary colors first. Red today, yellow tomorrow, and blue on Wednesday. The secondary colors will be talked about next. Green on Thursday and Purple on Friday. Orange will be the following Monday, August 28. We will also be having a small snack associated with each color each day and making a color book similar to the book, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" each day.

Fact #2: Binders

Thank you so much for your generosity in bringing school supplies to the classroom. The only thing that your child needs ASAP is the three ring binder. We write in our journals every day and children who do not have a binder have had to just put their papers in their desks. Since the children each share a desk with a child from the other class, this can get messy quickly. Please make sure your child has a 1 or 2" binder by the end of the week, if possible. Thank you!

Fact #3: Home Reading/Folders

Your child got their BLUE or RED folder last week. THIS FOLDER IS THEIR FOLDER FOR THE WHOLE YEAR. Please make sure that your child always brings a backpack and that this folder is in the backpack each day. This is where important notes are given to your child as they are made available at school. Today your child has this Fun Fact in his or her folder as well as any papers still needing to be signed.

Fact #4: Volunteers

Thank you for all of your willingness to help in the classroom this year. We are still in need of one more parent room representative for each class as well as a Fall Festival Representative for each class. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping out with any of these areas in the classroom.

Fact #5: REMIND app

Please check your child's introduction packet (red cover) and look for the instructions to follow the REMIND app. This will really help you keep up with class events. There is a code for the BLUE class and a different code for the RED class. We have about half of the class signed up in each class at this time.

Fact #6: V.I.P.

I will introduce myself to the children this week so they can get a chance to understand how our V.I.P. activities work in the classroom. Next week, August 27, we are excited to get to know Mei and her family better in the BLUE class and Ava and her family in the RED class. We love our families!

Fact #7: Labels

On Friday we talked about the many different labels that we could read. If you have finished a food or cleaning product and your child can read the label, please help them to bring it into school for our label wall. We would like to fill up the whole wall in the next few weeks. Thanks!