



Mrs. Porter's First Grade Fun Facts

Dear Parents,

August 28, 2018

The children enjoyed their first week of specialties last week. They enjoyed meeting our music teacher, Mrs. Gale, our librarian Mrs. Peck, and our PE and computer teachers. The children go to art every other week and will meet Mrs. Michie, the art teacher, this week. The BLUE class has art on Friday mornings and the RED class has art on Thursday afternoons.

The children have enjoyed showing the "color of the day" to each other as they enter class. We have enjoyed some funny books about colors as well as reading different versions of our fold tale of the month, "The Three Billy Goats Gruff."

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

We had fun last week celebrating the primary colors and the secondary colors green and purple. This is a good activity to ease children into the schedule and routines of first grade. Today is orange day, tomorrow will be black and white day, Wednesday will be pink day, Thursday will be brown day and Friday will be Rainbow Day! Wear as many colors as you can on Friday!

Fact #2: First Grade Testing

We have been testing letter names and sounds, the 50 sight words from kindergarten, and the Developmental Reading Assessment (reading passages). Starting on Wednesday, DIBELS testing will also be added. This is a nation-wide test for all K-3 graders.

Facts #3: Labor Day

Just a reminder that there will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 3 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Fact #4: Home Reading Books

Home reading books are being sent home today. These should be at a comfortable level for your child based on how he or she did on the DRA reading test last week. Your child should only be making 2-3 errors per 100 words at this level. The majority of our take home books are non-fiction. This is a great way to help your child learn about his or her world as they practice their reading. Your child will be expected to read this book, have it signed by an adult and returned each night, M-TH. Please make every effort to help your child accomplish this reading goal. It really does help their reading grow throughout the year!

Fact #5: Book Orders

September book orders will be handed out next week. I usually hand the book orders out on Mondays and have them returned on Thursdays but due to the holiday, will hand them out on Tuesday and have them due on Friday. This first order is always one of the best as they have a lot of great deals on books from \$1 on up. It is worth your time looking through the flyer(s).

Fact #6: V.I.P.

We are excited to start our Very Important Person family visits this week. We will be learning about Mei in the BLUE class and Ava in the RED class. Next week we will be learning about Jaxon Anderson in the BLUE class and Penelope in the RED class. It is always so fun to get to know the families of our first grade friends!

Fact #7: Literacy Check

Last week we reviewed 13 (a, o, s, m, p, t, r, n, d, h, w, k, f) of the 26 letters of the alphabet. These should be a kindergarten review for your child. If your child is not confident in some of his or her letters, please work on that this week as additional homework after reading his or her baggy book with your child. A homework sheet will be sent home next week to mark down your child's reading for the month of September. We will cover the remaining 13 this week. We are concentrating only on short vowel sounds at this point. Thank you for checking with your child about his or her letter confidence.