



Mrs. Porter's First Grade Fun Facts

Dear Parents,

September 17, 2018

I hope you had an opportunity to attend the Fall Festival on Friday. It was so fun to see all of the pop creations that the children brought in. I loved seeing the teacher make-overs as well. What a hoot!

We had a wonderful week last week talking about our bodies and friends. The children have come up with some areas of the body that they are most interested in learning about like the brain, the heart, how muscles work, the lungs, etc. It is fun to see them looking at the information books and being excited to find out different facts about the body part that they are interested in.

We talked about where we live last week and enjoyed some different versions of The Three Little Pigs. The children get excited when the pig outsmarts that tricky wolf! We also got really good at "huffing" and "puffing!"

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: Star Readers

Mrs. Peck, our school librarian, has started a new S. T. A. R. ("Students Thrilled About Reading") reading program for our first graders. It is called the Wasatch Jr. S. T. A. R. reading program (bright orange paper coming home today). The chapter books can be books that you read to your child or that your child

Fact #2: Playworks at Recess

You may have seen the newsletter that Coach Josh sent out to the parents of Wasatch. The children have enjoyed playing "Sharks and Minnows" at recess this week. We look forward to discovering more new games with Coach Josh in the future.

Facts #3: Hearing and Vision Screening

Our classes were screened for hearing last week with Mr. Lily. Parents will be notified if there was a problem. Children will be screened on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 for vision. Please make sure your child brings his or her glasses on this day so that they can be screened with their glasses on. Thank you!

Fact #4: Body Cut-Outs

Just a reminder that we tried to trace our bodies with a partner today. We will be cutting them out tomorrow and on Wednesday. If anyone would like to come in to help with the BLUE class (10:45 to 11:15 a.m.) or the RED class (2:45 to 3:15 p.m.), I would really appreciate it. Thanks!

Fact #5: Home Reading Books and Clarification

Some parents have asked about Friday and where to mark that your child has read his or her book. This is a "bonus" book and helps your child to make up for a day that he or she may have missed earlier in the week. YOU CAN ALWAYS MAKE UP A MISSED HOMEWORK DAY or NIGHT. It can be read on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Many books are not being signed each night. Your child cannot get a new book unless the home reading book from the night before has been signed by an adult. A big thank you to those of you who have been doing this each night.

Fact #6: Homework Initials

Please make sure and INITIAL your child's nightly homework. I need to see what activity was done and that an adult was listening to your child read in order for your child to get credit for completing the work. You only have to put your initials on one of the three boxes. Thank you!

Fact #7: Phonics and Sight Word Testing

Last week we talked about short I words. This week we will be talking about I-blends to help children look at bigger words than just CVC words. Each week the children are introduced to four new vocabulary words that they must pass off to mastery. So far this year they have had the words what, does, not, school, up, down, out and very. This week's words are be, come, good and pull. Please help your child review these each week.