



Mrs. Porter's First Grade Fun Facts

Dear Parents,

September 10, 2018

Last week was our first week of reading groups and specialties as the children will experience them in first grade. The children all had a chance to read to me in reading groups and are working hard to get routines down. We also were able to write our first V.I.P. thank you letters to the Henry and Heywood families and the children are beginning to understand the different parts that make up a letter. I hope you enjoy reading these letters when it is your family's turn to receive them.

We continue talking about ways that we are special this week and also will be working on how to make and keep friends. The children are learning each other's names and I see friendships developing each day.

Testing results will be sent home this week to let you know how your child performed.

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: Homework Check and Baggy Book Ideas

Please make sure that your child has his or her purple sign-off sheet in his or her folder each Monday. If I see that a child has completed his or her homework over the past week, I will place a check mark on the right-hand side of the paper. Children who have a check mark on each week will get to pick from the class treasure box at the end of the month.

I noticed that when the children were reading with me in reading groups, many children are not putting their finger under the words as they read. Please encourage your child to do this each time they are looking at a new text. This will help them to attend closer to beginning, middle and ending sounds and letter/sound correspondence. Thanks!

Fact #2: Book Orders

Thanks for the book orders this month. We earned 10 new books for our classroom! Book orders should arrive by September 20 or so.

Facts #3: Chinese Cultural Lesson

Your child may have told you about our class discussion last Friday. We brought both classes together in the English classroom and taught about where China is located (did you know that it is the country that has the most other countries bordering it in the world? Ask your child how many!)—it is almost directly across the earth from the United States. Mrs. Xu taught the children how to say “China” and “Beijing” during our lesson. These lessons will be taught in English until February and then the children will have the lesson taught to them in Chinese in Mrs. Xu's classroom. Some of our other topics are: Chinese vs. USA flags, money, rice, lanterns, Terra Cotta warriors, pandas, The Great Wall, mandarin oranges, pottery, silk, etc.

Fact #4: V.I.P.

We had another great visit last week with Jaxon and Penelope's families. This week our V.I.P. children are Elliette in the BLUE class and Amelia in the RED class. Next week we will have visits from Violet's family in the BLUE class and Isaac in the RED class. These visits are so fun!

Fact #5: Volunteers

Next week we will be tracing and cutting a paper outline of each child's body. I would love to have 2-3 volunteers on M-W of next week to help with this. The BLUE class would be from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. and the RED class would be from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. Please text or e-mail me at the above address if you would be interested. Please no younger children during this activity. It gets a little crazy! Thank you!

Fact #6: Picture Day Next Week

Packet information is being sent home today for picture day next week, Tuesday, September 18, 2018.