



Mrs. Porter's First Grade Fun Facts

Dear Parents,

September 24, 2018

What a busy week we had last week! School pictures, vision screening and “no screen” week. Whew! It will be nice to have a “regular” week this week!

We also had a fun week last week tracing and cutting out our bodies. Thank you to Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Hedengren who came in to help “trim up” the bodies last week. The children will be working on decorating their bodies in the next few weeks. The children also were able to pick which part of the body they would like to study this past week. Ask your child which group he or she is in. You can help your child look up some facts about his or her body part at home on the computer, if desired. Each group will come up with two facts that they will decide on and share with the class after researching in non-fiction books at school.

A big thank you to Mrs. Iverson in the BLUE class and Mrs. Nelson in the RED class for coming in and teaching our September social lesson on “I None of us is as smart as all of us” to the children. It is always fun for the children to have one of their parents teach a lesson to the class. It was fun to watch the Anansi video and to see the children get creative with building with marshmallows and dry noodles.

We have begun to work on “re-tell” with many of the children. Please make sure that your child can give you a brief description of the books that they read each night to help them understand this important skill in reading.

September homework will be collected NEXT Monday, October 1, 2018. Feel free to use the weekend to make-up any days throughout September that homework was unable to get done. Homework is graded as complete, 20 points, missing some days 10 points and not turned in/done as 0 points on Powerschool.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me at juliepo@provo.edu or call me at 801.362.9819 and I will get back to you as soon as possible, Mrs. Porter

Fact #1: Johnny Appleseed Day

We will be celebrating the birthday of Johnny Appleseed on WEDNESDAY. We are asking that each child **bring in one apple** (any type or color). We will be making an apple book with these apples. I am in the process of moving and have packed my peeler, corer, slicer which we use to make applesauce for the class. If you have one that I could borrow, I would really appreciate it. Thank you for your help!

Fact #2: No Screen Week

Last week was “no screen” week at Wasatch. They are asking for an electronic verification that your child participated in no screen week last week. Please go on the Wasatch website for instructions. The reward activity will be happening this Friday for participation.

Fact #3: V.I.P.

We had a wonderful visit from Violet and Isaac families last week. It is so fun for the children to make connections with one another. Our V.I.P. for this week is Jacob in the BLUE class and Luke in the RED class. We look forward to getting to know these two children better. Next week our V.I.P. friends will be Maggie K. in the BLUE class and Ruth B. in the RED class.

Fact #4: Phonics

The children have been introduced to short a, short i and l-blends this month. Our phonics skill this week is short o words like hot, dog, mom, job, toss, rock, etc.

Fact #5: Imagine Learning

Did you know that your child can work on the imagine learning web site at home? Go to the Imagine Learning website (www.imaginelearning.com) and go to the sign-in button. Go to “student” and it will ask you for your site code. Put in the number 4900810 (I think you only have to do this once) and then the screen will come up that says enter your username and password. Your child should know both of these as they work on it three times a week at school (tell your child it is the first initial of their first name and the first initial of their last name and then an 8 and then your child’s lunch (or id) number. The password is “was123” (no quotation marks) for everyone.

Fact #6: Volunteers

We are excited to welcome our parent volunteers this week. Our BYU volunteers started last week and are working well with the children. Please check the google.doc sent out to sign up for a time to come in and help.