



Mrs. Bushmann's  
First Grade Flight Notes

1st grade

Lee Expressive Arts School

August 25, 2017

## Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 4  
No School  
Labor Day

Thursday, Sept. 14  
Curriculum Night  
6-7 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 12  
PTA meeting  
6:00

Wednesday, Sept. 13  
Screenprinting t-shirts

Wednesday, Sept. 20  
Tie dye t-shirts

Monday, Sept. 25th  
No School

Teacher Collaboration  
Day

Friday, Oct. 20

It was another busy week in 1st grade. What an amazing way to start the week (year!!) with the eclipse. The children did such a great job that day. It was pretty exciting when totality occurred and they all jumped up and cheered and clapped. So lucky it lasted so long that they had time to stop and listen to the cicadas and see the street lights come on. And then the beautiful diamond ring sparkle. It was wonderful. Now on to the task of continuing to learn all the routines of our classrooms so we can become stronger readers and writers.

Don't forget that Monday is library check-out. Please be sure to have your child have their library books in their backpack.

I had some typos in my Important Date column last week. These should be correct this week. Tie dye date was changed and curriculum night was last year's date. Sorry about that.

Homework Folders will start on Monday. More details about those will be in the first folder home.

Tennis shoes are the shoe of preference for school. Required for P.E. and for Dance and Music class. They really are best for every day playing on the playground. We have **Drama on Wednesdays** and **P.E. on Fridays.**

**Reading:** We are working at looking at books on our own and using pictures and words to enjoy them. Assessments will take place in 2 weeks and reading groups will begin.

**Writing:** We are working on getting down at least 3 ideas while we stretch our words and reread our writing.

**Math:** We are working on number sense and skip counting. Practice counting by 10s as well as being sure your child can count to 100.

**Science:** Eclipse was our big topic and soon we will begin a unit on germs.

**Social Studies:** We are studying families and our place in them.

**Word Study:** We will begin with a review of short vowels, being sure every word has a vowel (syllable too!) and that it's the correct vowel.

### School Arrival and Dismissal

Remember that the children are allowed into the building at **7:35**. There is no supervision before this time. **The tardy bell rings at 7:55**. That is the official start time to our day. If your child is a parent drop-off in the morning and you would like to have them eat breakfast you should plan to drop them as close to 7:35 as possible. This way they have time to eat their breakfast and be ready to learn at the start of our day. All children are expected to be here by then or they will be marked absent or tardy. We will dismiss buses first this year at 2:50 and then parent pick-up will start at 3:05.

### SNACKS

We could use any donations of **snacks** that you would like to send. Snack suggestions are: graham crackers, cheese crackers, goldfish, Chex Mix, pretzels, grapes, apples, pudding, etc. I appreciate you helping out with this. If each family would send a snack for our class once a month, we would have enough. We have 19 students.

You might want to label and send a light jacket to school that could hang on your child's hook. It is quite lovely with the new air-conditioning, but several of the children found it to be colder than they are comfortable.

Children are welcome to bring a water bottle to school.

### Questions? Concerns?

Please call me at school at 214-3530. I am always here by 7:15 and I stay until 3:15 (usually later, but always til then). You may call me at home at 445-3942. Email is also a great way to contact me. I read it several times a day. I have an open door policy and parents are welcome to visit anytime.

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