



September... In Grade One

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Class Photo Day

Bring your best smile!!

The date has been set for school pictures! Mark **September 17th, 2012** on your calendar because the photographers will be at the school to capture the smile of your beautiful child.

Once you receive the proofs back you can decide if you wish to buy a picture package or get retakes. The date for retakes will be announced at a later time.

Dig out the toothpaste and shine up those pearly whites, and I look forward to seeing everyone beautified for the big day!

Meet the Teacher

Come meet all the great staff at HES!

On Thursday, September 12th, we are holding a Meet the Teacher night from 6 until 7pm. Hopefully you can all come and meet our great staff. We hope you can make it!

In our Classroom....

Literacy

I am very excited to start the Daily Five this month! Some of your children may have been introduced to this program last year in Kindergarten and for others it will be new. The Daily Five is a way of structuring the literacy block so every student is independently engaged in meaningful literacy tasks. These research based tasks are ones that have the biggest impact on student reading and writing achievement, as well as help foster a love of reading and writing. Your children will receive explicit whole group instruction and then have independent practice time to read and write while I provide focused instruction to individuals and small groups of students. I am excited about giving your child the opportunity to be involved in a structure that will have such a positive effect on their education!!

We will also begin Writer's Workshop this month, starting with a unit called *Launching the Writer's Workshop*. I am looking forward to learning more about your children through the stories they write and share about their lives!

Math

We will soon be starting the first unit in mathematics and will be learning about patterning. We will be learning to identify and copy patterns, as well as creating and extending our own patterns. Your children will also be learning to talk about how patterns repeat and will begin to solve problems using patterns. It is a hands-on unit and should be lots of fun!

You and Your World

It will be a very busy month for You and Your World!! We will be covering Bus Safety, Playground Safety and Fire Safety. We will also learn more about bullying and what it means to be a good friend through books and various activities. Mr. Murphy will also be in our class to help implement a new program called I-Care.

Book Orders

Feed your child's mind with a good book!

I am excited this year to offer monthly book orders from Scholastic. I will be sending the book orders home next week and they are due on September 13th. Usually the book order takes 1-2 weeks to be delivered and I will pass the books out to as soon as I receive them. Through purchasing books with Scholastic, I am able to earn points for our class and buy books to build on our classroom library. I am looking forward to buying books that the class has expressed interest in and thank you for your support in advance.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Labor Day	3 First day back!	4 Happy Birthday Claire in 1-R	5	6
9 Book orders sent home	10	11	12 Meet the Teacher @ 6:00pm	13 Book order due
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