

First Grade September Newsletter

We had a fabulous start to the year in our First Grade Classroom!! Our class of 24 students spent a portion of the first week of school learning about each other through our "Share Bags." Each child brought a bag with 3 items that were special to them. The children loved learning about each other and we found many things that we have in common with each other!!

This month our Math Curriculum covered Number Bonds, Number Patterns, and Addition Sentences. We also learned how to use our Math Centers! The children had ample time to explore the Pattern Blocks, GEO Boards, Puzzles and other Manipulatives.

In Literacy we reviewed all of the letter names and sounds, digraphs and word endings. We focused on Sight Words and increased our independent reading stamina to 20 minutes. A highlight of this month was meeting our 4th Grade Reading Buddies!! Once a week we get to spend 30 minutes reading with the 4th Grade Class. This is a fabulous time for our First Graders to make a personal connection with an older student in our school and to explore new books. Our Author of the Month was Kevin Henkes!

We enjoyed attending the school wide "Opening Ceremony," where the students first listened to an inspirational speech and then laughed and cheered as they watched me (Mrs. Olson!) participate in "Teacher Games!!" After spending 3+ weeks as a class together, I am so proud of my student's achievements. I feel blessed to have a class full of such kind hearted and eager students. I am looking forward to a fabulous year!