



First Grade News



P.S. 140Q The Edward K. Ellington School

September 2016

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE !

Dear Parents,

The First Grade team is very excited about this new school year. We are looking forward to working with all our students. There are many exciting adventures ahead as we get to know each other and learn together.

The month of September finds us very busy reviewing Kindergarten and introducing first grade foundation skills. Thank you for your help and support this year as we work together to meet the needs of our students.

If you would like to schedule an appointment to discuss your child please feel free to contact us. The first grade teachers are available at various times during the week. Please feel free to ask one of the first grade team members for a schedule.

Mrs. Rosner

Mrs. Ellis-Lopez

Mrs. Boucher

Mrs. Negron

Language Arts:

- Literacy Assessments
- Letters/ Phonemic Sounds
- Upper/lowercase ABC's
- Simple Sentences

Math

- Numbers
- Modeling subtraction
- Modeling addition

Social Studies

- Families are Important

Science

- Animal Diversity

“Phonemic awareness, phonics, and

word study are the building blocks for lifelong literacy skills.”

The first grade teachers will be focusing on each of the components of effective literacy instruction on a daily basis.



“Quality math instruction in first grade will focus on building fluency in addition and subtraction as well as applying the various skills to real life problem solving situations.”

All first grade teachers will focus on fluency on a daily basis.

At home, you can reinforce the fluency skills by playing simple math games with your child on a nightly basis. We will discuss fluency and problem solving at our Open School Night.



Our first unit in Ready Gen for ELA instruction will focus around the book, Stellaluna. We will use various components of balanced literacy to teach ELA skills (read aloud, shared reading, and independent reading). The children will love this book and will be motivated to read on a daily basis.

Reminder: Important Dates:

September 12, 2016- Eid al- Adha holiday (No school).

September 20, 2016- Dads take your child to school day (9:00).

September 20, 2016- Parents Teachers Association (6:00 pm).

September 22, 2016- Meet the Teachers Night (4:30- 7:00 pm)

September 30, 2016- (Classroom Celebration). Please let us know if your child's birthday is in September. We will celebrate the birthday for all those students who were born in September. This day will take place during the hours of 1:50- 2:10.



Allergy Alert!

Please let us know of your child allergies, very important!

Snacks will be eaten every morning. Please provide your child with a healthy snack daily.

