



Back to School Night 2020-2021

Miss Jones ~ First Grade
Mendham Township Elementary School



Daily Routine

- Arrival (unpacking, washing hands, morning work)
- Morning Meeting (greetings, calendar)
- Reading / Foundations
- Mid-morning Snack
- Writing
- Specials
- Recess / Lunch
- Math
- Afternoon snack
- Science
- Social Studies

Reading

- Guided Reading
- Shared Reading
- Strategy Lessons
- Conferences
- Every student reads at his or her appropriate independent reading level.

* Take Note*

When students are reading at home, they should be reading books that are appropriate for their independent reading level.

During Reading Workshop, students will focus on...

- Using a variety of strategies to help support their reading
- Characters and their development
- Using story elements to increase their comprehension
- Reading with expression, fluency, and understanding
- Developing higher-order thinking skills such as inferring, determining importance, and drawing conclusions

Fundations

You will receive an introductory letter for each Fundations unit. The units each last about 1-3 weeks.

** Take Note **

Sight words, in Fundations, are referred to as "Trick Words"

Fundations (continued)

- Letter-Keyword-Sound
- Blending / Segmenting CVC words
- Consonant Digraphs: wh, ch, sh, th, ck
- Bonus Letters: ff, ll, ss, zz
- Glued Sounds: am, an, ang, ing, ong, ung, ank, ink, onk, unk, ng, nk
- Baseword and suffix with the suffix -s
- Blends: sl, gr, st, sn, pl, br, tr
- R-Controlled Vowels: ar, or, er, ir, ur

Writing

Writing Workshop consists of whole group mini-lessons, guided practice, strategy lessons, independent practice, and conferences.

- Genres...
 - Personal Narratives
 - All About / Informational Books
 - Realistic Fiction
 - Opinion / Review Writing

Mathematics

The Go-Math program for first grade includes...

- Number Concepts
- Basic Facts and Relationships
- 2 Digit Addition and Subtraction
- Graphs
- Data
- Time
- Measurement
- Geometry
- ...and more!

* Take Note *

Math Fact timed tests will be given, periodically, to help build fluency.

Social Studies

The focus of Social Studies in First Grade includes the following units of study..

- Schools
- Communities
- Careers / Work
- Earth's Resources
- Our Country
- Our World

Science

The focus of Science in First Grade includes the following units of study...

- Light and Sound
- Plants and Animals
- Patterns of Change in the Night Sky

Homework

This year, we will not have formal homework assignments. You may have your child work on the following:

- Reading
 - RAZ Kids online
 - Epic online
- Sight vocabulary
- Addition / Subtraction Math Facts (0-18)
 - SplashLearn online
 - Xtra Math online

Absences

Research indicates that students are the most successful when they attend school regularly! :)

Of course, we do understand that students become ill from time to time. If your child is absent, please notify the office.

Upon your child's return to school, missed work will be sent home to be completed.

Interventions

Every child is different! Everyone's brain works differently!

- Assistance with work
- Participate in enrichment activities
- Receive small group instruction

* Intervention groups improve learning for ALL students!

Birthdays

Your child will be recognized on his or her birthday!

- Summer birthdays will be celebrated in June.
- A family member is encouraged to read to the class through Google Meet.
- Your child will receive a birthday certificate, crown, pencil, and small surprise gift (mini bottle of bubbles, stamp, or slinky)
- Our class will sing "Happy Birthday" during snack time.

Please remember to...

- Check and empty out your child's tiger folder every day
- Ask your child about his or her day
- Read to your child
 - You can (and should) do this even if he or she already knows how to read!

Communication

It is extremely important to keep the lines of communication open between home and school.

- I will make every effort to keep you informed of your child's progress here at school.
- I hope you will also feel comfortable contacting me with any concerns or questions that you may have.
- Email: kjones@mendhamtwp.org

Thank you!

I am looking forward to working with you and your children this school year!