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Welcome to  
Curriculum Night!

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September 26, 2013



## A little about me...

- This is my 4th year of teaching first grade at SES
- I love first graders!
- Bachelors degrees in Spanish and Public Communication
- Masters degree in Teaching from Seattle Pacific University
- I am having a baby soon!

# A Day in the Life of your 1<sup>st</sup> Grader!



9:00 ~ Morning Work

9:20 ~ Pledge & Calendar

9:40 ~ Reading / Power Up



10:40 ~ Recess

10:55 ~ Snack & Read Aloud

11:10 ~ Writing

11:50 ~ Lunch & Recess



12:25 ~ Math

1:25 ~ Social Studies / Science

1:55 ~ Recess

2:10 ~ Daily 5

2:40 ~ Clean, Pack & Snack

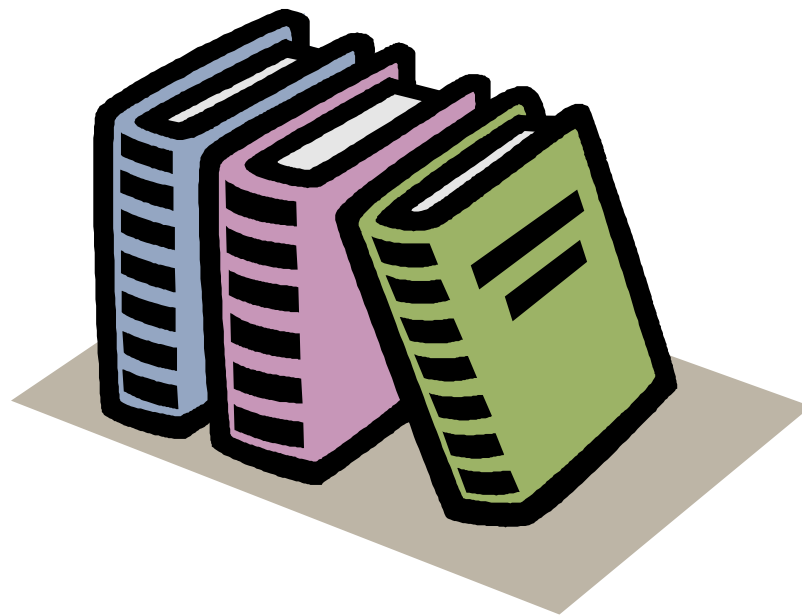


2:55 ~ Specialist (P.E., Music, Library, Computer Lab)

3:25 ~ Dismissal (on Fridays, dismissal is at 1:25)



# Reading



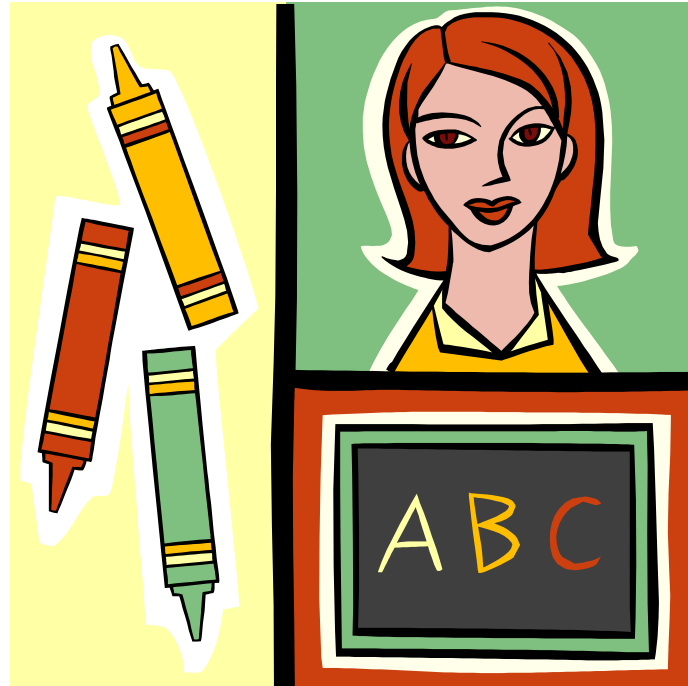


- Our program is called *Harcourt Trophies*
- We supplement with Reading A-Z materials, Sound Partners, SIPPS, Read Naturally, and other resources.
- Children are divided into reading classes where they receive individualized instruction, such as phonics, fluency practice, and book studies
- Children will rotate to their reading classes (Power Up) every M-Th for one hour.



- In our homeroom, we do other literacy activities, such as:
  - Independent/partner reading
  - Listening station
  - Word Work
  - Reading/Spelling games
  
- Each child has the opportunity to participate in our take home book program. Reading calendars go home each month and are due the first school day of the following month. Children are expected to read 400 minutes per month!

# Spelling





- Our spelling words begin with a focus on short vowel patterns and gradually increases difficulty to words with consonant digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh), the silent e rule, long vowel patterns, consonant blends (bl, cl, st, sp, sn, tw, pl), and so forth.
- There will always be five high-frequency words to study each week.
- Students are given a pre-test on Friday. If a child scores 100% on the pre-test, they are invited to study a list of 5 challenge words for the following week.
- On the spelling test, all students will be asked to spell the five pattern words and the five high-frequency words they were assigned. Additionally, there will be five new words to see if they've really got the concept.



# Writing

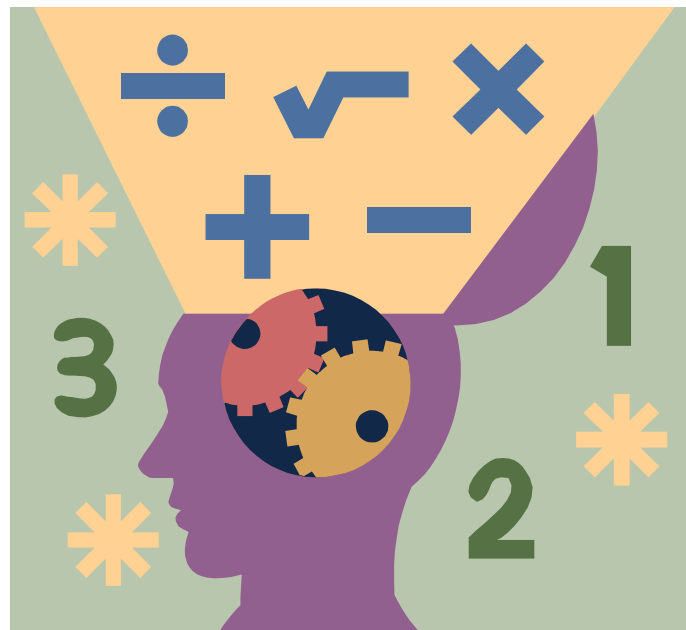




- Lucy Calkins' Writer's Workshop
  - Is aligned to the new Common Core Standards.
  - Introduces three types of writing, namely narrative, informative, and opinion.
  - We study the craft of well-known authors as our mentors.
  - Includes individual conferences with children on an ongoing basis
  - Introduces the writing process
    - Pre-write, draft, edit\revise, final draft



# Math

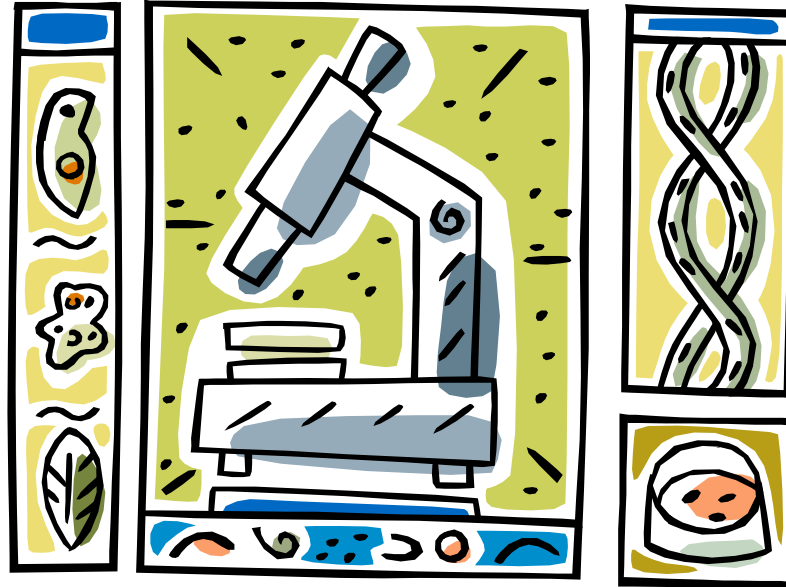




- Our math program is called *enVisionMATH*
- *enVision* is aligned with the new Common Core State Standards
- Our four focuses are:
  - Addition and subtraction within 20
  - Whole number relationships and place value (tens and ones)
  - Linear measurement
  - Two- and three-dimensional shapes



# Science





- **Collecting and Examining Life**
  - Children will learn to decipher between living and non-living things.
  - We will get a chance to observe and work with snails, fish, and crickets.
- **Motion and Balance**
  - This unit offers an introduction to physics through activities such as rolling toy cars, dropping and crashing marbles, and even flying paper airplanes.
- **Sun and Moon**

# Social Studies





- In 1<sup>st</sup> grade, the focus is on families & communities, and character development
  - The SS curriculum is called *Social Studies Alive! My School and Family*.
  - We incorporate a program called *Character Counts* which focuses on 6 pillars of character:
    - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship
  - Cultural Fair in May this year!



# Homework




- Homework priorities are:
  - Reading (15-20 min / night)
  - Spelling (5 min / night)
  - Math (5 min / night)
  
- Please fill out the monthly Reading Calendar.
  - Children can read to parent or parent can read to child.
  
- Please complete the weekly Write & Share assignment.
  
- Occasionally, unfinished math worksheets may come home. Please complete these with your child and return them as soon as possible.





# Looking to volunteer?

- Please check the Volunteer Calendar on our class website and let me or our room parent (Hailey O'Reilly) know if you would like to be added.
- Chaperones for upcoming field trips
  - Centennial Park on October 2
  - Arboretum on April 3
  - Children's Theater on May 1
  - Centennial Park in June
- Class parties – item donations
- Walk-A-Thon! – The only PTSA fundraiser this year – October 17!!



Thank you for coming tonight!  
I look forward to our  
partnership in helping your  
child grow as a learner and as a  
person. Please feel free to  
contact me anytime you have  
questions or concerns.

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