

Mrs. Bland's Newsletter

September 9-13



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Note from the teacher

Good morning families! What a beautiful weekend. I'm ready for fall.

We are finished with kindergarten review and have started first grade material in reading. We are starting with digraphs. Students will be expected to show good penmanship when writing these as well as be able to read these digraph fluently. We will also start reading stories. In our classroom I use the I read, we read, you read model. I will read the story to them first while they follow along. Then we will read the story together as a class. Lastly, I will expect them to read the story independently with a partner. For the first few stories I have them read as a table team instead of with just a partner. Within the stories, they will be asked to find tricky heart words that we've been practicing as well as the phonics sounds/spellings we've been working on this week. As for penmanship, I do expect them to apply good handwriting techniques on work pages. After first quarter they will be writing stories and research books. Good penmanship helps them get their ideas across to others.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

This week's Focus Lessons

Phonics-Intro th (voiced and unvoiced), ng, and qu.

Reading and comprehension-I read, we read, you read (table teams):
Beth, Nat and Trip to the U.K.
Character, setting and story details

Language Arts-nouns

Writing-handwriting/penmanship

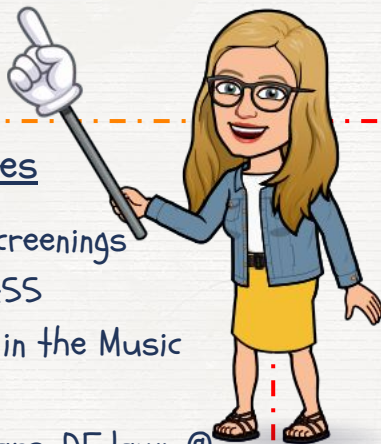
Math- Unit data collection and representation. Test Thursday and Friday

Science-Plants and animals



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Specials schedule

Monday-Music
 Tuesday-Music
 Wednesday-PE
 please wear or bring sneakers
 Thursday-PE
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 Friday-Art

Important dates

- ✗ 9/9-Hearing and vision screenings
- ✗ 9/10-Library Day 8:05-8:55
- ✗ 9/10-PTO meeting @ 7:00 in the Music room
- ✗ 9/13-Movie under the stars. DF lawn @ 7:00
- ✗ 9/17-High 5 nominations are due
- ✗ 9/18-No School: Development day for teachers

Important links

[Class schedule](#)

[Breakfast Menu](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[Mrs. Bland's email](#)

[Mrs. Bland's Webex](#)

[Mrs. Bland's class wish list](#)

Important information

- Please do not sent birthday invitations to school. Students will not be allowed to pass them out.
- Please send your child with a spill proof water bottle. Water bottles will be kept in cubbies. Students will have access to them. They just will not be on the tables.

Kindness Assembly



Roxy is the Kindness award winner for August. She shows kindness by helping a Kindergarten buddy get in the building and to breakfast in the mornings. Way to go!

Note from our AMAZING PTO

Fall party planning will be starting soon! The fall party is scheduled for Thursday, October 10. Room parents help plan and organize classroom parties at Deerfield. If you would like to volunteer, or have questions about room

parents or classroom parties, please email

Angela Wilson at

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Thank you!

