



Fundations: We will begin working on Unit 1 of *Fundations*. This will be a review for students who attended Kindergarten in Strongsville and a quick introduction for those who did not. You received the Unit 1 Home packet at Open House. Please look at the packet for letter sounds, *correct* handwriting formation, and practice. This packet should be used for reinforcement at home as needed and can be returned when completed. Please do not try to complete the packet all at once. It is meant to be done gradually throughout the unit. The current unit is over two weeks.

Reading: We will learn good reading habits and build reading stamina. This takes practice and time! Students will begin by practicing reading to themselves during reading group time. Students will learn three different ways to read a book *independently*. This includes: reading the pictures (using the pictures to tell the story), reading the words, and retelling (telling a previously read story in your own words). Students will learn to be independent even if he/she cannot read the words...yet! We will also begin learning how to answer questions about a fiction story.

Writing: We will begin to learn how we can be good writers. Good writers can use words, pictures or both to communicate a thought or idea. The biggest challenge is often coming up with an idea for writing. Students will think about all of the ideas and topics in their hearts!

Math: This week in math we will answer these questions: What is math? What do mathematicians do? What are math tools and how do we use them? We will begin to set the groundwork for our math curriculum by reviewing skills learned in Kindergarten and number formation.

Social Studies: This week we will learn how our classroom is a community and the important of rules or expected behaviors in a community. Rules keep us safe, help us treat each other with respect and ensure that everyone can learn! As we grow our community, we will develop our class promise. We can say our promise each day to help us remember to use our PRIDE. We will then begin our work to gain a deeper understanding of each letter of PRIDE. Later this week, we will focus on our first letter, P for PREPARED. This means coming to school on time and having our materials each day and following directions quickly, but it also means being prepared to learn by having a positive attitude about learning and about ourselves! We will read books and complete activities that encourage positive thinking.

Reminders: (please see the back)

If you need to reach me by email, please contact me at ehavel@scsmustangs.org or send me a Remind message. Our class website is whitney1h.weebly.com

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- This week is red. Our class will have gym all week. Tennis shoes should be worn or brought each day.
- If you have not completed your school forms via your child's PASS account, please log in and do so. It is called the 2022-2023 Update. If you need your PASS account information, please contact the office.
- Our library day will be Thursday. Students will be able to check out and bring home one book this Thursday. Books should be returned each Thursday.
- Friday's Spirit Day is TBD!
- Please see Mrs. Hawk's newsletter for a link to join PTA. You do not have to attend meetings to be a member. They would love to have your support!
- Water bottles are allowed during the day but should be completely closeable (screw on lid).
- Your student may bring a **snack** to eat in the morning during breakfast. Please pack his/her snack separate from his/her lunch to save time digging through lunches! He/she should be able to manage the snack on his/her own. Thank you!
- Your child should be practicing his/her **student ID** if it is new to him/her. This serves as a lunch number and a computer logon.
- Students will be needing **headphones** for Chromebook use. If you have not yet sent a pair, please do so. Headphones that go over the ears seem to work much better than earbuds for our first graders.
- Our classroom can be chilly with the air conditioning on. If your child tends to be cold, you may want to send a zip-up sweatshirt or sweater to keep in his/her backpack. Please make sure he/she can put it on and take it off easily.
- Take some time to practice **shoe tying** with your first grader if needed.