



Fundations: We will finish our work in Unit 2 of Foundations. Students should be able to read and write short vowel words by tapping the sounds. Students will also review trick words. Most trick words have a heart part, a part or sound that doesn't follow the typical spelling rules. Our trick words are: **a, the, and, is, his, and of.** Please practice these words if your child does not recognize them quickly. Completed Unit 2 packets can be returned at the end of the week. We will take our test at the beginning of next week.

Reading: We will continue to work on the goal of reading more and more. We will set a goal and try to read that number of books. We may have to adjust our goal if it is too much or not enough. Goal setting is good way to be engaged and to increase our stamina! This week our reading questions will focus on the events of a story. What happened in the beginning? The middle? The end? Readers should think about the major events of the story.

We will continue to reinforce what we have learned about characters and settings. We can consider how the character(s) change from the beginning to the end. Do his/her feelings change? Does he/she learn something or grow in some way?

Writing: Our writers are learning to write in complete sentences. This includes starting each sentence with a capital letter, using space between our words and ending with a punctuation mark. Not all sentences end with a period. We will practice deciding which sentences end with a period and which end with question mark. We reread our sentence to make sure the words make sense.

Math: This week, we will wrap up and review Topic 1. Students should understand that in some situations we have to put groups together (addition) and in others we have to compare or take apart (subtraction).

A review packet will be sent home on Monday. While not required, it is recommended that you work on one or two pages each night to practice before our test. First, look in the box for an example and explanation. Then, try it! You can always make up similar problems for your child to try on separate paper or a dry erase board. Packets may be returned for green dojos! The test is planned for Thursday.

Social Studies: This week our PRIDE letter is I. Students who show Whitney pride are **Inclusive**. We will learn that this means we include and accept everyone despite any differences and we are kind, caring friends. Being inclusive is all about kindness. While it's normal to have some friends that are closer than others, we need to practice treating everyone with respect. Use nice tones and try solving your problems with words. Try connecting with someone new and reach out to someone who may need a friend!



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

Reminders:

- This week is white. Our class will have art.
- This week is "Start with Hello". Please see the spirit days below.
- The Fun Run Fundraiser ends on Friday with a student run!
- It's Whitney Family Night at the Strongsville Mustangs Football Game on Friday, September 23rd.
- Picture Day is scheduled for September 27th!
- Our class will visit the Scholastic Book Fair on Wednesday, September 28th.
- PTA is hosting a fall festival on September 30th from 5:30-7:30.

Start with Hello Week
September 19-23

Monday-Wear Green-"Kick off Start with Hello Week"

Tuesday-Wear a Team Jersey-"We are a Team Day"

Wednesday-Wear Bright Colors-"Brighten Someone's Day with Hello Day"

Thursday-Wear a Tie or Bow-"Including Others Ties Us Together Day"

Friday-Wear your BLUE Whitney shirt-"We are Family Day" and Fun Run.

Repeat items:

- Green folders should come every afternoon and be returned to school each morning (even if they are empty).
- Reading logs (calendar format) will be checked each Monday. Students with marked logs receive a sticker and green dojo for the week. If you forget, please send the next day.
- Library books are due back each Thursday. Please remember your book so that you can get a new one!
- 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.
- 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** number.
- 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.