



Fundations: We will have our Unit 2 test early this week. In Unit 3, we will be working on reading/spelling words with digraphs (wh, ch, sh, th, ck). Even though a digraph is made up of two letters, it only gets one tap because it makes one sound. Check your Home Support Pack for homework and practice. The bottom chart on page 4 will tell you what sounds, words or sentence to practice each night. Writing paper is included at the end of the packet. Trick words: **as, has**

Reading: As we work on our goal of asking and answering questions, we will focus our thinking on the events of the story? What happened at the beginning? In the middle? At the end? Often in stories, the main character has a problem (beginning). He/she works on solving the problem (middle) and the problem gets solved (end)! Use questions about the events of the story or the problem and solution to guide your thinking when reading at home.

We also continue to practice our independent reading habits. This week we will learn how to read with a partner. Partner reading can expose us to new books, give us a chance to hear fluent reading, provide reminders when we forget our good habits and have a coach to help us when we struggle.

Writing: We will practice our independent writing routines while reinforcing sentence structure. Continue to encourage talking/writing in complete sentences.

Math: This week we will spend a few days getting our math stations up and running. Students will learn how to practice using computers to do math and how to work collaboratively with others to complete math games and activities. Once we are independent we can learn math in smaller groups to better meet the needs of all. Later this week, we plan to begin Unit 2 and work on addition and subtraction fluency through 10. We will begin to learn addition and subtraction strategies that will help us improve or speed and accuracy.

Social Studies: We have reached the last two letters in P.R.I.D.E! This week we will learn about the letters D and E. D stands for determined. People who are determined, set goals, work hard and don't give up (remember growth mindset)! We will also learn how we can be determined through teamwork and cooperation. E is for **Engaged**. Students will learn how to be the best they can be by actively listening in class and participating. Discuss with your child what a good listener looks like. Can he/she model it for you? When we use good listening, it is not only respectful, but we can also learn new things!



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 blue. Our class will have music.
- **Picture Day is Tuesday, September 27th!** Wear your brightest smile!
- Our class will visit the Scholastic **Book Fair on Wednesday, September 28th.**
- All first grade classes have earned a Pajama Day for our participation in the Fun Run! Plan to wear school appropriate pajamas on Thursday.
- This Friday's Spirit Day is Fall Colors!
- PTA is hosting a fall festival on September 30th from 5:30-7:30.
- Thank you to everyone who supported our Fun Run Fundraiser!
- Conferences will be held the evenings of October 6th and October 12th. Please use the link for the sign up genius to sign up for a time.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ca9ab2ca7fa7-fall2>

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). *Please do not send juice or soda, unless it's to be taken to lunch.*
- 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.
- Take some time to practice **shoe tying** with your first grader if needed.