

Mrs. Krausmann's 1st Grade Classroom News**Important Dates:**

- **Late Start Mondays every Monday!** School begins @ **9:05am**. Dismissal remains the same
- **9/25**: Evacuation Drill (PM)
- **9/29**: Paper Person Activity due
- **10/10**: Jet's Pizza Night
- **10/20**: Fun Run!
- **10/21**: Fall Fest. *More details coming soon!*

Specials for the week:

- Monday: Art (BRING SMOCKS)
- Tuesday: Music
- Wednesday: Gym (BRING SHOES)
- Thursday: Library
- Friday: Art (BRING SMOCKS)

Weekly Words:

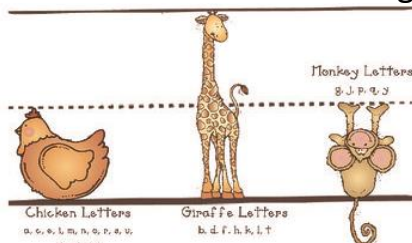
Each week we will focus on a word family that will help students during reading and writing. The word family and sight words will be listed in this section of the newsletter each week. We will have five word spelling tests each Friday morning on sight words (found on our word wall) beginning in October.

Classroom Info:**Reading:**

We spent time this week introducing some "reading tricks". Students worked on the "TH Rude Team" and "KN Blend". We made posters and practiced recognizing these letter blends while reading and writing.

Writing:

Students have been practicing their handwriting with daily letter pages as well as finger spaces. Encourage your first grader to take their time when writing – we identify letter size with the graphic below as a guide.



Math:

Students have practiced skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s. We will also continue to practice number formation.

Science/Social Studies:

This week we celebrated Constitution Day and talked about how we can be good citizens. Students learned about why rules are important and talked about rules we have in our classroom as well as Mason school rules. The children also learned many facts about the Statue of Liberty (see if they can tell you a few that they remember). Finally, the students learned about how to remember the five great lakes. "HOMES" -- (Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, Superior). Super learning took place this week!

Krausmann's Comments:

- **Fun Run on Friday, 10/20:** The Mason Fun Run is a PTO sponsored event and is our main fundraiser for the school year. Information came home in Boomerangs this past week! Check out Mason's Homepage – PTO tab for more details. You can do everything online! Please just ask people you know such as family and friends. No need to solicit your neighbors or strangers!
- **Toys in the classroom:** As we begin our year together, it's important that students bring only school essentials with them in their backpacks. We've had a few toys from home show up in our classroom that are distracting. Please be sure that your first grader's backpack does not include toys and/or other items. Thanks so much!
- **PLEASE SEND TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD AN ART SMOCK IF THEY DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE IN THEIR LOCKER. ART IS FUN, BUT MESSY!**
- **Evacuation Drill on Monday, September 25:** Please do not come to school or call the office during the drill so our staff and public safety officers can remain focused on the drill and our students' safety. Please plan ahead as students cannot be released for appointments during the drill. When Mason has to evacuate the building, we walk to Parcells' auditorium and assemble there. The district will notify you when the drill is complete and students are back in class. Thank you for partnering with us to provide a safe and secure learning environment.

Have a great weekend!

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