

## First Grade Monthly Newsletter Sept. 2023



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We are off to a great start this school year! Please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support and generous school supply donations. We look forward to partnering with you this school year.

## Important Dates:

- **September 6:** Back to School Night 6:00-7:00 (2 session options 6:00-6:25, 6:30-6:55)
- **September 8:** TRES PTA Family Picnic
- **September 12:** Picture Day
- **September 20:** Frederick Fair Field Trip
- **September 22:** 3.5 Hour Early Dismissal
- **September 25:** No School

## Reminders:

- Please remember to send all attendance-related correspondence to your child's classroom teacher AND [tres.attendance@fcps.org](mailto:tres.attendance@fcps.org)
- Don't forget to complete volunteer training if you wish to volunteer, help with parties, or chaperone field trips. This is required annually. [registration and training](#)
- If you have not already done so, please review the [TRES parent handbook](#).

## Curricular Information

### English Language Arts (ELA)

FCPS has adopted a new comprehensive reading curriculum for grades K-2 this school year called Open Court. Open Court is aligned with science of reading research and delivers a cohesive format for writing, foundational reading skills, and comprehension instruction.

Here are the skills we are working on in September:

<b>Writing</b>	<b>Foundational Skills</b>	<b>Reading Comprehension</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Handwriting lowercase letters</li><li>• Writing about "Me"</li><li>• Learn about the drafting process of writing.</li><li>• Learn about revising when writing.</li><li>• Learn about audience and purpose of writing.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Segmenting, blending, and substituting initial consonant sounds.</li><li>• Blend, spell, and read words that contain target letters.</li><li>• Fluency practice with decodable books</li><li>• High frequency words: a, am, and, can, have, I, is, on, see, the, there, up, it, did, had, him, said</li></ul>	Theme: Back to School <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Making connections to reading</li><li>• Asking and answering questions about a text</li><li>• Analyze story elements: character &amp; setting</li><li>• Sequence events in a story</li></ul>

### Math

Our first math unit covers many skills that set a solid foundation for subsequent math learning. Below is a list of skills we will practice this month along with a clickable link for information on how you can support your child with these skills at home.

#### [Unit 1 Parent information](#)

- Counting to 100
- Reading and writing numbers to 100
- Grouping sets of objects by tens
- 2-digit numbers have tens and ones (15 has 1 ten and 5 ones)
- Building 2-digit numbers with tens and ones
- Understanding the value of each digit of a 2-digit number.

## Social Studies

At the beginning of September we will finish our first social studies unit on **Long Ago and Today**. In this unit students learned what is meant by past, present, and future. They practiced analyzing timelines and created a timeline to include events in their own lives. Last, they used pictures and books to compare transportation and communication past and present to determine how technology has changed over time.

In Mid-September we will start Unit 2, **Civics: Living in a Community**.

In this unit students will explore the question, "How can I be helpful in my community?" First they will learn about the communities in which they belong and the benefits of being part of a community. Students will learn about how leaders help their community and how they can help their community by being civically engaged. They explore what it means to cooperate and why cooperation is important in reaching school goals. Finally, students will examine how communities solve problems. They will identify a community problem and potential solutions for the common good of all members of the community.

## PATHS

Our social/emotional learning concepts for September include:

- Giving and receiving compliments
- Teamwork
- Listening to others
- Calming strategies for big emotions