

Happy September! We are so excited to be working with your 1st grader this year. We appreciate all your patience as we begin remote learning. This is a learning curve for all of us, and we want to make sure that we are meeting the needs of our students and families. The first couple weeks of school we are focusing on building a community with our students, reviewing concepts from the end of kindergarten along with introducing beginning of the year 1st grade content. The district's plan is to begin using Florida Virtual School around September 14th. This will be our curriculum for the entire school year.

Messaging Meaning is our first unit in **Reading**. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the main idea, characters, and the setting in a fiction story. Students will also ask and answer questions about key details in a text. Even though this might look different when we start Florida Virtual, these are very important concepts for our readers to master.

In **Writing**, we will be beginning our Personal Narrative Unit. This is a special kind of writing that tells real stories from our students' lives. Students will write a variety of personal narratives that will include two or more sequenced events along with transition words. As we begin daily writing, we will have a strong focus on conventions.

In **Social Studies** we have started our unit on The Language of Time. Students will be exploring the concept of chronology using a calendar and vocabulary related to time.

Each class is having **Morning and Afternoon Meetings**. This time promotes for our students how to make and maintain healthy friendships through listening, expressing themselves, taking turns, and participating in activities. Most importantly, classroom meetings mean there are opportunities to connect as a class and share and learn from each other - even if we are doing this virtually.

Important Dates:

9/7 Labor Day - no remote learning

We will be administering our beginning of year assessments in September. We will communicate with you how this will look when the plan is finalized. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support as we start off our year together!
Mrs. Kover, Mrs. Loeffler, and Mrs. Mickelson

