

# LAKEHOMA LEDGER

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## *All-Star Office*

We are off to a fabulous start at Lakehoma! A few reminders from the office: our tardy bell rings at 7:40am. We do not have school on Labor Day, Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Western Days are September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Students and staff are encouraged to dress in western clothes on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>! There is also no school on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> or Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> for students. Staff members will have Professional Development those days.

## **Kindergarten:**

We have had a great first few weeks studying color words and learning procedures.

The beginning of the year is always a tough adjustment for little ones. You can help your child by asking them what procedures they have learned and reminding them to practice them at school.

We are introducing the letters quickly and will be going over each one in more depth as the year goes on. In September we will cover Families, Chicka Chicka and other Abc stories, number sense from 0-10, Going to school, Apples and shapes.

Please look for our field trip note in your child's folder. We are sending them early due to a discount offered for parent admission.

Remember to label all of your child's things. Please check folders(or binders) every day and return them to school daily.

## **First:**

Welcome back to school! We are so excited to begin a new first grade journey! Thank you all for attending our parent night last week. We are looking forward to learning all about different jobs and we can't wait to see all of you dressed for your future career on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>! Don't forget to practice spelling and sight words weekly, read and practice math facts daily. This is going to be a great year!

## **Second:**

Welcome back! We are excited to be starting a new year in second grade! We know it can be difficult, but it is time to get back into a school routine. Please include checking your child's folder nightly for homework, and setting aside a time every evening for reading and math fact practice in your school routine. Also, keep in mind second grade's late lunch time this year of 12:20, you might want to send a healthy snack each day with your child. It's difficult to learn when our stomachs are growling!

## **Third:**

We have had a great start to our year. Reading/Math logs will start coming home this week. Your child will color in a leaf for every 20 minutes they read and a leaf for 10 minutes they study Math facts. Please have your child working on both of these every night. We have started sending home Friday Folders. Friday Folders need to be signed and brought back on Monday. We will start AIMS testing this week. You can practice with your child by having them practice reading aloud. Your child will be

tested on fluency (1 minute test), comprehension (3 minute test), Math facts (8 minutes), and Math concepts (8 minutes). Upcoming Events: No school Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. Fall Pictures are Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Fourth:**

ELA: We are reviewing genres as well as working on story structure. We will be using the new reading series for the next few weeks. We are also going to be giving weekly spelling tests. Lists will go home on Mondays. Students should be coming home with library books and reading each night for at least 20 minutes.

Math: Geometry is the focus in Math these next few weeks. Students are also taking timed tests to work on math facts. Please find time to practice these at home especially multiplication facts.

Social Studies: We are working on mapping skills in Social Studies. Students will review those skills as well as learn new skills.

Science: We are studying rocks. Students will learn to identify rocks and classify them. The students will also be visiting the STEM lab to work on hands-on science lessons. Parents, thank you for attending our parent night. We are enjoying getting to know your child and we look forward to a successful year in fourth grade.

## **Library:**

Welcome back to school from the Lakehoma Library Media Center. The library program has some exciting opportunities in store for your child this year including story times, information literacy lessons, and many great books for your child to read and enjoy. Remember: Parents and grandparents are always welcome to stop by and check out books with their child. This year the Lakehoma Library is looking for parent volunteers. The library no longer has a library assistant and we are hoping to have parents come and check books in and out for our students as well as shelving books. Thank you for your support.

Happy Reading! Mrs. Jordan

## **Art:**

The art room is saving bottle caps for an art project. Please save water bottle caps and pop bottle caps. Thank you so much. Ms. Hutter

## **PE:**

Please help your child remember their tennis shoes for PE. Students in 1-4 grade have PE every other day and kindergarten has it every day. We are doing fitness testing and the proper footwear is very important to their success.