

# HOMEWORK IS COMING!

Dear Families,

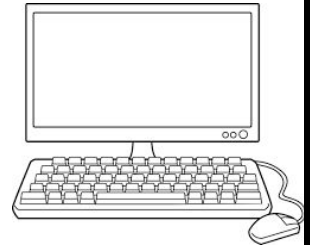
You requested that your child receive a weekly homework (HW) packet. Homework will be starting next week, so I want to prepare you for what it will look like.

Students will receive a HW packet on Monday of each week, to be returned on Friday.

Each night students will have math, spelling, and reading.

For **math**, it is typically a 1-page worksheet. Sometimes it will be a game. *the skills students learned the previous week It is meant to*

If you want additional practice for your child, there are many great online resources you can access. Visit our classroom website to view some great ones!



For **spelling**, students will receive a word list that follows the spelling rule(s) of our current unit. We use the Foundations program. See the back side of this page for more information on this program. Students will use these words to complete one activity, of their choice, from a menu of options.

For **reading**, students are expected to read for at least 10 minutes each night. If you requested, books will be sent home. See the attached paper for more information about how this will work.

**If at anytime you would like for your child to stop receiving the weekly HW packet, just let me know.**

And as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime.

# Fundations



## **What is fundations?**

This year we will be using the Wilson Foundations program for Word Study. Foundations is a k-3 phonological/phonemic awareness, phonics and spelling program. This program provides students with a strong foundation for reading and spelling and thoroughly teaches the Foundational Skills of the Common Core State Standards.

There are 17 units with each unit varying in length from 1-3 weeks. The first few weeks review many skills taught in level 1 (first grade) while also introducing new skills. At the end of every unit students will take a written test that includes writing sounds, pattern words, sight words, and a sentence or two.

## **What will homework look like?**

At the start of each week students will be given a list of words that feature a particular spelling pattern or rule, as well as trick words (also known as sight words). There are different words for each day of the week (usually six words). Each night students are expected to study the words for that day by completing one activity of their choice from the "Spelling Menu" that is sent home. So by Friday (when homework is due), students should have completed 4 activities and studied all of the week's words.

Some activities don't require work to be handed in, but rather a parent signature on the board to show completion. The goal is not for students to memorize specific words, but instead learn spelling rules and patterns that can then be applied to spelling any word during authentic writing tasks. Word meaning is also very important.

If you want additional practice for your child, please let me know and I can send extra worksheets home.