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**WOW** We had an OUTSTANDING first few days of school! These first few weeks will be filled with our class working together as a family. We will be working on making a learning environment for everyone by role-playing our procedures and rules in the classroom /school, and diving into the real purposes for Reading and Writing. We are building Thinkers and Doers!

**Newsletters** A newsletter will come home each Monday after school with the news of the week and lessons. It is also always available on my class website as well!

**Papers** I realize many papers come home the first weeks of school. Please be sure to check your child’s backpack each night. Please read the items and send back anything that needs to be signed or done. Thank you!!!

**Flashlight Fridays** If you are able, please send in a working flashlight for Flashlight Fridays! During Accelerated Reading your child will be able to use their flashlight while they read their book as long as they are READING. This gives them something to look forward to and makes learning FUN!

**Growth Mindset** Our classroom will be talking a lot about Growth Mindset this year. It basically means **Learning From Our Mistakes**. Many of my students want to be PERFECT. I am going to try to help them understand we can’t and don’t always want to be perfect…this is how we LEARN! We will discuss throughout the year about when things become difficult our brain grows if we continue to work through the challenge. I sent home a paper today explaining Growth Mindset a bit more and would encourage you to discuss it further with your child at home. Thank you!

**Ready Math** Your child will be coming home with Ready Math pages daily. These have been done in class and are required by our curriculum to ensure they are getting the 1st grade standards covered. Every 1st grade room does these as part of their math. I know and realize these are not challenging at times for your children. We will be spending a portion of our Math block on these lessons but devoting other time to different/challenging After we take our Star Math tests we will be differentiating math for each child during math time through the use of Accelerated Math, IXL, 50 in a Minute, and my own math curriculum.

**Remind** Please join the Remind with your phone to receive important dates or reminders for your children if you haven’t’ already.

**SeeSaw** Please join SeeSaw with your phone as well to receive pictures of

**Stoplight Charts** Please check and sign your child’s stoplight chart each night. We will form a routine to fill out their agenda book daily, but they will be responsible for filling them out daily. I will collect them on Fridays so they don’t come up missing over the weekend.

**School Treats** Unfortunately we are no longer allowed to permit homemade treats at school. Due to all the allergies and health concerns of our students the nutrition labels must accompany any treats you might bring to school for birthdays or parties. Cupcakes and cookies are still fine to bring but we would encourage you to bring healthy snacks as well. Some examples might be cheese and crackers, cereals, carrots and dip, etc.

**Web Page** Check out Mrs. Muzek’s webpage as often as possible. Many things you may have questions about will be listed there. There you will find reading logs, spelling tic-tac-toe forms, pictures of your children at school, newsletters, informational packets, safe and educational website for your children, and much more. I update it weekly!!!

**Lessons of the Week –**

**Reading** Deeper into the Reading Strategies

**Writing** What is Writer’s Workshop and beginning 20 day Launch

**Grammar** None

**Spelling** None

**Math** Ready Math Lessons, IXL, Accelerated Math, Calendar, 50 in a Minute, Think Math, and Today’s Number

Have a Spectacular Week, Mrs. Muzek