



MS. BROZIC

1ST GRADE

August 28, 2015

Important Dates

- **Monday 8/31- K-2 Curriculum Night (former Open House)**
- **Friday 9/4- School Picture Day**
- **Monday 9/7- Labor Day, No School**

Classroom News



Dear first grade families,

Welcome to first grade!!! We have made it through our first week of first grade!!! It was a very long week for us all, but the students did such an amazing job acclimating to going to school all day every day. I think the cooler temperatures helped us out this week! We spent much of this week getting to know each other with name games and sharing our All About Me pages. I am really enjoying getting to know all of your children! I am so excited about our upcoming year together! If you EVER have any questions about anything throughout the year PLEASE don't hesitate to email, send in a note, or call me!

New to Buckeye- We are very lucky to have Mrs. Smolen here as our new principal this year!! She is an amazing asset to our school family!! We have a new physical education teacher as well, Ms. Cvengros. **We have gym class on Mondays. Please make sure your child wears tennis shoes on Mondays.** We also have Library days on **Wednesdays**. Starting next week your child will be able to check out a book on Wednesday. Please make sure that all library books are returned on or before **Wednesday** of each week. This way your child can check out a new book. **Our Curriculum Night/Open House is this coming Monday from 7-8 p.m.** The district has decided to go with a different format this year. The Curriculum Night is for parents only. I will be giving two different presentations one starting at 7:00 p.m. and the other starting at 7:30 p.m. If this is difficult for you to attend I will just send home information with your child.

Birthdays

- Daniel- Aug. 16
- Joey- Aug. 27



Literacy Tip: Please review all letters and sounds of the alphabet. We are doing a very brief review of all letters and sounds. We will start sounding out simple CVC words very soon!!

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Lunch Menu

*Lunch choices are subject to change.

Monday: Chicken nuggets

Tuesday: You Build It Baked
Potato/Meatball Sub

Wednesday: Corn Dog

Thursday: Personal Pan Pizza

Friday: Kids' Choice

*Pizza, Salad, and Grab & Go are also options everyday!



Student of the Week

In a few weeks we will start having a different student be the Student of the Week! The student will bring home a special stuffed animal from our classroom and some books. There will be a journal for your child to write about their adventures!!



What We're Learning

Reading: Since this was just the first week of school we are starting out VERY slow. The week we reviewed letter sounds, letters, and RHYMING. Rhyming is a very important skill for a beginner reader. We also learned about the beginning steps of our Daily 5: **good book handling skills, where to read in our room, 3 ways to read a book** (read the words, look at the pictures and talk about what is happening, retell a story you already know), and we began day one of **read to self and worked on our stamina!** It may not seem like much but learning the routines for the rest of the year are very important. I am also working on benchmarking each student so that I can start with leveled reading groups. **Sight Words: For the first two weeks of school we are focusing on color words and number words. Then we will move right on to our Fry Sight Words.**

Math: This week we did some graphing, number writing, and learning number words. The students worked very hard on a math (pre-assessment) that will help us show growth throughout the year! **I am VERY proud of their hard work!!**

Phonics/Writing: In phonics we are working on Unit 1 in Foundations which focuses letter sounds and correct letter formation. We have just begun journal writing.



Extra information:

- I think that warmer weather may be making a return! I don't mind if the students bring a water bottle to keep at their desk as long as it closes securely. (I'm sure we will have a few spills, and that's OK! ☺)
- Fridays are going to be **Riverside Spirit Days** at Buckeye. Each Friday students are asked to wear either black/gold or any **Riverside/Buckeye** clothes if they have them. Fridays we will be showing our **Riverside Pride**.
- I am working on my web page!!! If you visit our district website, click on Buckeye. Then go to Buckeye School, Teacher Pages. Find Ms. Brozic. This will be a work in progress this year!!