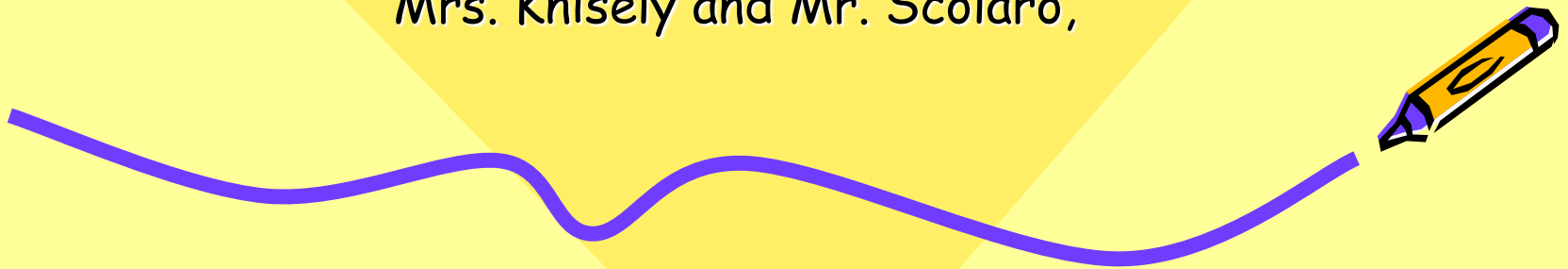




# Top 10 Things to Know About 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

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# 10. Know your P's and Q's

- Identify upper and lowercase letters
- Print letters with neat handwriting
- Identify letter sounds - Foundations
- Print name with upper and lowercase
- Identify color and number words



# 9. Count Everything

- Count forwards and backwards
- Count in small groups to 50, then 100
- Count by 10's, 5's and 2's
- Recognize and start counting money
- Tell time to the hour and half hour
- Be familiar with a 100's grid to 120
- GO MATH series - 10 Frame



## 8. READ, READ, READ...Oh. And discuss too!



- Studies show reading scores improve with parents that read to a child regularly
- Read 15 - 20 mins nightly (HW)
- Don't forget to ask about the story - relate it to the child
- Take a look at the 150 first grade sight words



# 7. It's Habit-Forming! Ah Yes! ROUTINE!



- Very important to establish a routine
- Set aside a time and place for homework
- There will be homework in first grade, most have it every evening
- Help with organization at home (place to put papers, keep newsletter, calendar, etc)



## 6. Be Prepared

- Supplies - no shared supplies, make sure they have their supplies daily
- Take Home Folder, Reading Bag/Folders
- Homework - make sure it is done and turned in on time
- Responsibility now lies with the student



# 5. What's that you say? Communicate!



- Keep an open mind, they take everything literally
- Send notes, email, phone message
- Let us know if something has changed at home - divorce, death, new pets, etc.
- Don't be surprised if they don't want to go to school about the fourth week of school - Patience, they will adjust
- Set up time to talk to the teacher



# 4. Expect UPS and DOWNS - Emotional Rollercoaster

- Average is okay! Not all gifted and talented
- Don't compare them with your neighbor
- Every child learns differently and at varying rates
- There is no nap time and lunch seems like a long way off. They are tired!
- Most classes do have a snack time each morning
- Let them make mistakes and make it a lesson





### 3. A Little Help Goes a LONG Way



- Do their homework with them - check for errors
- Go over completed papers and check for mistakes
- Use your child's newsletter to help you
- Extra help at home can really be the difference maker for many children



## 2. First Grade is DIFFERENT!

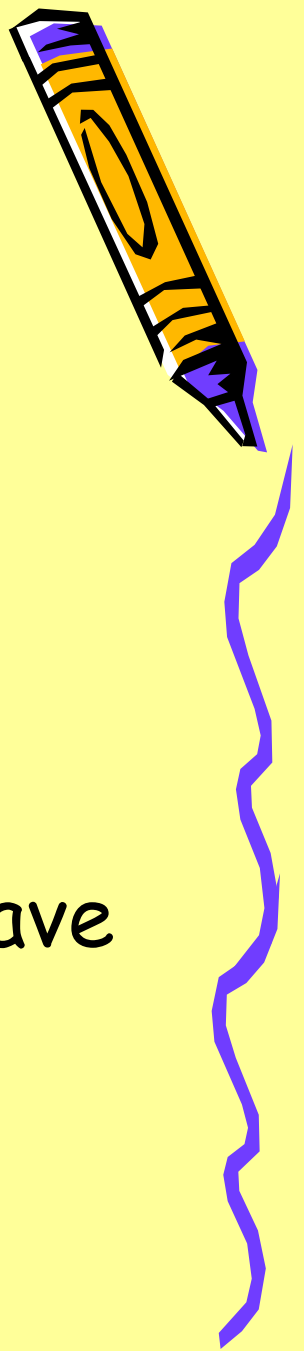


- No longer discovery through play or center-based
- Three toughest years 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
- More on task direct learning
- We still have fun!



# 1. Trust the Teacher

- 22 years average teaching experience
- 90% have their Master's Degree
- They know their field
- They are here to help your child have a successful first grade year



# First Grade Orientation

Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

5:00 – 6:00

