

THE HALDANE HERALD

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Important Dates

FUNDRAISER KICKOFF	9/24
Paragon Fall Family Picnic	9/27
Jean Day	9/28
Picture Day	10/2
Count Day	10/3
Popcorn/Sweatshirt Day	10/5
Pizza Monday	10/8
Pizza Monday	10/22
Jean Day	10/26
Bucket Week	10/29

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Please return book orders by Wednesday. I will order books ASAP once orders have been collected.
- Homework will be in full swing next week.
- The other first grade classes have a field trip next week. We do not.

Our school math program, Think Math!, directly aligns with the new Common Core State Standards. Consequently, our whole staff is fully implementing the program. This will help ensure our students are learning what they need to learn for the future and builds consistency in our approach to math instruction from grade to grade.

In order to fully utilize the program, I had to revise our workshop routine. We have three groups now that rotate to three stations. I will teach each grade within our classroom

all of the lessons in Think Math in sequence. This means first and second grade students may not always take tests at the same time and may have some variations in homework. Please pay close attention to the website for updates (which will be coming starting next week). Encourage your students to listen carefully to direction in class so they, too, know what is going on.

TAKE HOME FOLDERS

Take Home folders are labeled BRB and LAH for "Bring Right Back" and "Leave At Home". I en-

courage students to put all homework, even logs and menus, in the BRB side so they have it when they have to turn it in. We empty mailboxes every day and use these folders instead of Friday folders so you are not inundated with papers every Friday.

Likewise, I tell kids to put pizza forms and other similar items on the LAH side because I don't want them to think they HAVE to get pizza. These folders are a great way for us to communicate with each other if you have notes for me.

HOMEWORK

Reading logs and spelling menus should be in your child's Take Home folder. This is now one two-sided half-sheet of paper. The spelling menu is on one side and the reading log is on the other. Please send it back in with both sides

completed on Friday.

Our math homework starts Monday. Students will have a practice sheet each night and will have to finish any fact practice problems that were not done during morning work

time. Math homework will come home Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and should only take a few minutes to complete. If it takes more than 10 minutes, please let me know.

