

Notes from the Teacher

<u>Library</u>: This week, we are scheduled to visit the school Library on Friday for the first time! If everything goes as planned and we do visit, you will receive a note in your child's take home folder explaining details.

<u>Kindergarten Fee:</u> Our Kindergarten Fee due date has passed. If you have not turned it in, send the fee (\$20) in a sealed envelope with his/her first and last name, the amount enclosed clearly written, and what the amount is for ASAP. We are finalizing field trip arrangements and will be buying tickets soon, and all money must be in to move forward. More details to come about the field trip (get excited!)

<u>Grading:</u> Most work that is completed in class by your child will be coming home in the Yellow Progress Folder. Work that we complete as a class is usually graded as students complete it, right then and there, with a quick star, check, sticker or stamp. Centers are done in two forms and grading is based on the task. Some center work is guided by myself or Mrs. Williamson, (Continued)

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Words	<u>Reading</u>	Writing	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	Social Studies
 Letter Recognition Letter Sounds 	 Sight Words Characters/ Setting in Literature 	 Making letters correctly Talking in full sentences Drawing details Not scribbling 	 Using Objects to help Count Numbers 1-10 Recognizing and writing numbers 1-10 Less Than/More Than 2D Shapes 	 Practicing our observation skills. Weather Seasons 	○ Citizenship

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and this may or may not have marks because it is completed together, and we supervise the progress in a small group setting. Center work that is done independently (children do independent centers when their guided reading or math group is not being met with) may also not being graded because it is merely practice. However, I do look at all work afterwards to gauge understanding and adjust lessons. So, do not be alarmed if certain pages go home "un-graded," lack marks, or even include "wrong" answers.

Assessments are always graded and are directly used on Report Cards. It is a school policy that these are never sent home. They are kept throughout the year to monitor growth, and can be looked at during Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences, which are fast approaching already! (The first quarter ends at the end of October, and we will then meet for our first conference).

<u>Little Notes...</u>

- * Check my webpage out at the Bunn Elementary Homepage, accessible from the FCS webpage. Go to <u>Quick</u> <u>Links</u>. Click on CANVAS ONLINE LEARNING, and then my name. There are some good resources there, including my weekly Newsletters.
- * Don't forget to pack your child a healthy snack and water. (No flavored water or juice in the classroom please.)
- * Practice the September sight word list with your child at home so he can move his pencil on our Sight Word Central Board at the end of the month!
- * Gym Day is Friday. Your child must wear tennis shoes/sneakers to participate.
- * If you have not submitted your child's Kindergarten Physical, Birth Certificate or Kindergarten Fee please do so ASAP (Checks can be made out to Bunn Elementary)
- * All transportation changes need to be in by *noon* on the day of the change. It is best to send a note in your child's take home folder; however, e-mails to me (before 11:30) and faxes to the office will be accepted, as well. If you send an e-mail, make sure you call me to verify I received it.
- * If your child is out sick, you must send a note the next day in the green daily folder listing the date your child was absent, and why. (It is sent to the office for documentation.) Doctor's notes are accepted, as well. If you need to pick your child up early for an appointment, wait time may be longer during our "specials" time (12:00-12:40—Art, Music and Spanish are outside the main building) or during recess (12:40-1:10) because the building is "locked down" and students cannot get back into the main building without a teacher. (A teacher cannot leave a class unattended to escort a child down.) If you have any guestions, please let me know!

Volunteer Status

-Don't forget, every parent must sign up for Volunteer Status online. Just go to <u>http://www.fcschools.net/pages/FCSchools</u>, then go to Quick Links, and then Volunteer Tracker Sign-Up. Remember, if you're interested on chaperoning our big fieldtrip, you must be cleared.