



# September

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Mrs. LeFevre's Class**

*I'll be keeping you updated on what's going on in Room 7 with a monthly newsletter. I'll be letting you know what we will be studying, letting you know about upcoming special events, etc. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.*

## Specials

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Computer &amp; Library</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Music</b>
	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Art</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Music</b>
	<b>Physical Education</b>

## Writing



The focus this month is making sure everyone knows they are a writer! Many children are afraid to put pencil to the paper and put down their own thoughts because they don't know the proper spelling. We will spend time making sure that they feel comfortable and know that it is okay to use 'first grade spelling' or write down the sounds they hear. All they have to do is underline the word if they are not sure of the spelling. As the year progresses, we will also talk about being responsible to 'dictionary spell' some words.

D'Nealian letters are used for our handwriting program and we will have weekly practice. Another focus will be looking at words, uppercase and lower case letters, and punctuation.

## Reading



- Consonant sounds and vowel sounds
- Read to Self
- Reading strategies:
  - check for understanding
  - get my mouth ready
  - back up and re-read
  - tune in to interesting words
  - choosing good fit books

## Math

### *Unit 1: Numbers All Around Us*

- Counting & Data With Popsicles
- Meet the Number Rack
- Part-Part-Whole to Ten
- Adding & Subtracting to Ten with the Number Rack

## Other Themes



- \*New Friends
- \*Building a Classroom Community
- \*Bus Safety

## Blog

Everyday we try to write on our blog! You can go to [www.mrslefevre.blogspot.com](http://www.mrslefevre.blogspot.com) or visit the Vinton website and go to *Students: Grade One: Mrs. LeFevre: News From Mrs. LeFevre's Classroom! Our Blog!*

## Volunteers

Attached is a volunteer survey. If you want to come in to help out in the class, read a story, or share a special interest please let me know.

## Websites

Throughout the year we will be using different programs to enhance our learning. The 2 that we have started with are:  
[www.raz-kids.com](http://www.raz-kids.com)

**Teacher Username: 1lefevre**  
**Password: student's last name**

Students can practice their reading accuracy, fluency and comprehension.

[www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com)

We have a classroom account but you can have your child set up a free home account. This program promotes 'brain breaks' and exercise.

## Birthdays

Birthdays are very important in first grade! We celebrate by making a birthday book for the birthday child.

## Happy Birthday!



<b>Ristin</b>	September 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Michael</b>	September 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Abby</b>	September 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Del</b>	September 18 <sup>th</sup>

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