

BACK TO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

JRES FIRST GRADE NEWS

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

Welcome back to school! We are so excited for an amazing year of learning and exploring in 1st grade. We can't wait to get to know our students! Students will learn how to work together and encourage their peers as we build on their knowledge.

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REMINDERS

We kindly ask that you check your child's folder each night for important notes and updates. At JRES, we strive to be respectful, responsible, and safe.

Together, let's encourage our first graders to shine as PAX Leaders both in and out of the classroom!

SEPTEMBER DATES

September 7th

- Labor Day (**No School**)

September 8th

- 6:00-7:30 Back-to-School Night (**K-2nd grade**)

September 9th

- 6:00-7:30 Back-to-School Night (**3rd-5th grade**)

September 18th

- Early Release Day (**Dismissal at 12:55 PM**)

September 21st

- Non-Instructional Day (**No School**)

"The future of the world is in my classroom today."

– **Ivan Welton Fitzwater**

FIRST GRADE ADVENTURES BEGIN

AMPLIFY DESMOS MATH

This year, we are excited to introduce a new math curriculum that connects with our reading, writing, and phonics instruction. Students will **explore counting, addition, subtraction, and data** through **hands-on activities** and meaningful **problem-solving**. They will collect, organize, and represent data in up to three categories and learn to interpret what the data shows.

In our first unit, students will practice **adding and subtracting within 10 using pictures, expressions, and equations**.

They will also **explore patterns** when adding and subtracting 1 and 2, **building connections** between counting, addition, and subtraction. Our goal is to help students develop strong math skills while becoming confident, curious, and flexible mathematical thinkers!

CKLA: READING AND WRITING

In Unit 1 of the Skills Strand, students build strong reading foundations through **daily phonics instruction, learning how to sound out words** and **recognize spelling patterns**. This proven approach helps children become confident, independent readers by teaching them to decode words step by step.

In Knowledge 1, students will **listen** to and **explore** classic fables and stories to **build** their understanding of how stories are structured. They'll practice reading and writing skills by **identifying key story elements** and **retelling** what they've heard through **drawing, writing, and class discussions**. These activities help strengthen comprehension and support early reading development.

DISCOVERIES

This month in Social Studies, we'll be learning about the **roles, rights, and responsibilities** we have at home and at school. Students will also **explore** what it means to be a leader in the family, community, and country. We'll talk about how different people help our communities and the responsibilities they have.

