

Let's Communicate....

We encourage you to contact the teacher immediately with any questions or concerns about your child so that we may work together to provide the best learning experience possible.



Ways to contact your child's teacher.....

Phone calls to school



E-mail

Notes



Ways to help your child become a successful learner



Read to your child daily and discuss the book!



Model reading to your child.



Read out loud to you at least 10-20 minutes a day.



Set aside a time and place for your child to do his/her work.



Guide your child as he/she completes assignments.



Check your child's homework and take-home folders nightly.



The Mission of the Horseheads Central School Community is to provide a quality education for all within a nurturing environment which promotes excellence, growth, and a sense of civic responsibility.

Welcome to First Grade



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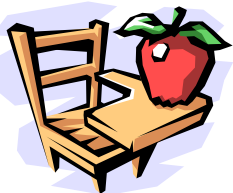


Let us introduce you to First Grade.

This brochure was designed to inform parents of the expectations for their child's grade level.

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Each teacher has his/her own style of teaching; however, the curriculum is guided by new national Common Core Standards.

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First grade is a transitional year, as students are required to be more responsible for their learning, begin to take routine tests and quizzes, and prepare for district assessments. Some students become involved in team-teaching situations.



CURRICULUM

• Math - Go Math

Math - Our program emphasizes Common Core Standards. There is a focus on addition, subtraction, place value as well as problem solving.

English Language Arts (ELA)

Writing - Students will write for a variety of purposes (**fiction and nonfiction**). Students will work on developing correct grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Reading -

1. Treasures (a reading program which covers a variety of fiction and nonfiction topics)
2. Guided Reading (reading in small groups)
3. Shared Reading (the entire class reads the same story)
4. Read Aloud (teacher reads to the class)
5. Partner Reading (students are paired up to read to each other)
6. Independent Reading (students read books of their choice on their own reading level)
7. Science - topics include: animals, plants, seasons, weather, life cycle of a frog
8. Social Studies - topics include: communities, holidays, citizenship, earth's resources, our country

FAQ's



HOMEWORK

- * **How will I know what homework my child has each night?**
- Homework will vary from teacher to teacher. All homework is located in a homework folder which comes home Mondays-Thursdays. Parents can expect to participate in math, reading and/or writing homework. Additionally, students may have special projects from time to time. Please support and check your child's homework every night. Homework is an excellent opportunity for your child to share what he/she is doing in school.



NY STATE TESTING

- **What state tests will my child be taking?**
- No state tests are administered; however, classroom and district assessments occur on an ongoing basis.

RECESS

- **Will my child have recess everyday?**

Every child will have recess each day if class work and homework are completed and correct. First grade does go outside every day unless it is raining or the temperature is below 20 degrees. Parents should be certain that children have all the necessary outside attire.