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# October Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thanks so much for a great first month of school. Your children have already learned a lot. Please check your child's take home folder every night for important papers coming home.

Thank you,  
First Grade Team

## Important Dates/Reminders:

October 6th-Walking Field Trip (rain date 10/10)  
October 9th-Professional Day: No School for Students  
October 13th-PTA Walk-A-Thon  
October 25th-STEM Night (K-2)  
October 27th-Fall Festival (more information coming soon)

## Safety:

If you are picking up your child during the day, it is imperative that you check-in at the office first. If you are dropping something off, please check in at the office and leave it with the secretaries. Any adult in the building must have a badge or a sticker indicating they have checked in. This is a school policy and it is for your child's safety, so not just anyone can wander around the halls or into your child's classroom. The normal routine is to have someone from the office "call" to the classroom and have your child come down to the office. If you do not have a visitors pass on, please do not be offended if someone stops you and asks where you are going. We hope this is clear and you understand why it is so important. We truly care about your child. THANKS!

## Absent Notes

If your child is absent, please send an email to your child's teach **AND** Mrs. Acosta, our attendance secretary.

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## Communication for changes in Transportation:

If your child is going home a different way than usual, he or she must have a note or please send an email to your child's teacher no later than lunch time. Please be sure that any notes you send are in the take home folder.

## Language Arts:

### Story Elements:

Characters, Setting, Problem and Solution

### Informational texts:

Key details and main idea

Writing: writing narrative, informational, opinion

Math: problem solving, addition and subtraction strategies (counting on and back)

### Social Studies:

Leaders, Making Good Decisions

### Science:

Plants and Animals