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FIRST GRADE EXPLORERS

Quail Run Elementary

August/September 2009

Dates to Remember

August 25-first day
Minimum Day

September 1-Back
to school night-
7:30pm MPR

September 7 Labor
Day-No school

IN THE CLASSROOM...

Welcome to First Grade

We would like to welcome you to first grade at Quail Run Elementary! We are very excited to make this a positive, fun and educational year for your students. You will receive a first grade newsletter each month. In the newsletter will be up coming events as well as up-to-date information on our areas of study. During the first few weeks of school we will be assessing your child and determining individual academic levels. Please feel free to contact us anytime you have questions, concerns or compliments.

The Beginning of the Year

The end of August and beginning of September will be spent in community building activities. The students will learn school, class and yard rules as well as getting to know their teacher and fellow classmates. Of course, academic work will also be occurring!

Academics

The first few weeks we spend reviewing kindergarten material. Then we take off! In first grade we will be busy laying a strong foundation for the rest of your child's education. We will emphasize reading and writing strategies and skills. The New York Reading and Writing workshops will be

starting in September with a 'launching' unit. The students will be reading leveled books and conferring 1:1 with the teacher. The students will be writing booklets and thinking about topics that are important to them.

Our math program begins with patterns, number sense, addition and subtraction.

The children will have science lab, as well as science instruction in the classroom.

Social studies, spelling and PE, music and art will also be taught. Please be sure your child wears appropriate clothing and shoes for PE!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

For the safety of all students and per the district office, ALL volunteers who work with children MUST fill out a Volunteer Clearance Form and partake in a training before entering the classroom or attending field trips.

REMINDERS...

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

.Back to School Night will be on Tuesday, September 1st at 7:30pm. Please meet the teachers in the Multi Purpose

Room for a short presentation. Then we will break into classrooms for specific information from your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you!

MANY THANKS TO ...

- *All the families who donated the classroom supplies.
- Parent Volunteers who have already begun filing, copying, cutting and assisting in the classroom
- All families who contributed funds during registration...this will pay for field trips and class supplies

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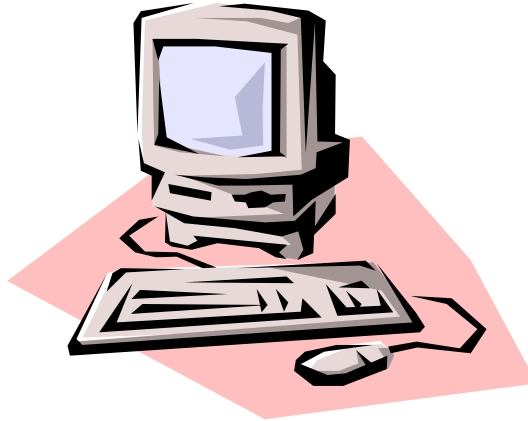
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Your business tag line here.

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BACK PAGE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing

of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.