# Syllabus and Homework Schedule

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you will find this schedule for the year helpful! It will also be posted on our class blog. A few things to note:

- \* Most weeks, both reading and other homework will be required, but there will be some weeks (particularly short weeks) when only reading homework will be required. Homework expectations for each week are listed below.
- \* Because I try to be flexible and adjust instructional deadlines based on student readiness and mastery, this schedule is subject to change.

Sincerely, Mrs. Bischoff

## **SYLLABUS**

## August

**Theme:** Choice, Responsibility, & Cooperation

Main Focus: Learning procedures &

expectations, and pre-assessments for reading,

math, etc.

#### **Main Focus for Each Core Subject:**

Math Focus: Number Sense

**Language Arts Focus:** Punctuation, Synonyms **Social Studies Focus:** Cooperation and Choice

Science Focus: Soil

**Read Aloud:** Ramona the Brave

\*Parent volunteers not needed in August.

#### Homework

Week of Aug. 19th: no homework

Week of Aug. 26th: only reading homework

### October

Theme: I Can Be a Good Citizen

#### Main Focus for Each Core Subject:

Math: Place Value

Language Arts: Fiction, Character & Setting,

Plot, Conjunctions, Table of Contents

Social Studies: Citizenship Science: Sun & Moon Writing: Expository Writing

**Read Aloud:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

#### Homework

Week of Oct. 7th: all homework Week of Oct. 14th: only reading

Week of Oct 21st: only reading (Fall Break)

Week of Oct.28th: all homework

## September

**Theme:** My School and Neighborhood

Main Focus for Each Core Subject:

Math: Addition

Language Arts: Fiction vs. Nonfiction, Subject & Predicate, Capitalization Social Studies: School & Neighborhood,

Maps & Globes

Science: Animals, Water, and Rocks

Writing: Expository Writing

**Read Aloud:** Ramona the Brave

#### Homework

Week of Sep.2nd: only reading

Week of Sep. 9th: only reading (Labor Day)

Week of Sep.16th: all homework
Week of Sep.23rd: all homework
Week of Sep.30th: only reading (PTC)

### November

Theme: I am Thankful

#### Main Focus for Each Core Subject:

Math: Subtraction

Language Arts: Fiction, Nouns, Possessives,

Main Topic & Key Details

Social Studies: Culture and Traditions, Fables

**Science:** Weather and Seasons **Writing:** Narrative Writing

**Read Aloud:** The Tale of Despereaux

#### Homework

Week of Nov. 4th: all homework Week of Nov. 11th: all homework Week of Nov. 18th: all homework

Week of Nov. 25th: no homework (break)

### December

Theme: When I Grow Up

Main Focus for Each Core Subject:

**Math:** Addition Strategies

Language Arts: Fiction, Verbs, Key Details,

Themes

**Social Studies:** Community Jobs

**Science: Forces** of Motion, Observations

Writing: Narrative Writing

Read Aloud: Polar Express, Snowmen at Night

#### Homework

Week of Dec. 2nd: all homework Week of Dec. 9th: all homework Week of Dec.18th: all homework

Week of Dec.23rd: no homework (Break)
Week of Dec.30th: no homework (Break)

## February

**Theme:** Proud to Be an American

Main Focus for Each Core Subject:

**Math:** Two-Digit Add. and Sub., Graphs **Language Arts:** Non-fiction, Dictionary &

Glossary, Homophones/Homonyms

**Social Studies:** Symbols and Landmarks **Science:** Matter and Changes in Matter

Writing: Informative Writing

Read Aloud: Matilda

#### Homework

Week of Feb. 3rd: all homework
Week of Feb. 10th: all homework
Week of Feb. 17th: all homework

Week of Feb. 24th: only reading (short week)

## **April**

Theme: Learning and Growing

**Main Focus for Each Core Subject:** 

Math: 2-Dimensional & 3-Dimensional Shapes

Language Arts: Non-fiction, Pronouns,

Determiners, Complex Sentences

**Social Studies:** Safety

**Science:** The Five Senses, Resources & Life Cycle

Writing: Opinion Writing

Read Aloud: Charlotte's Web

#### Homework

Week of Apr. 7th: no homework (Break)

Week of Apr. 14th: all homework Week of Apr. 21st: all homework Week of Apr. 28th: all homework

## January

Theme: Reading Takes You Places

**Main Focus for Each Core Subject:** 

**Math:** Subtraction Strategies

Language Arts: Non-fiction, Poetry,

Adjectives, Possessives

**Social Studies:** Money, Goods and Services

Science: Sort, Classify & Chart

Writing: Poetry Writing

Read Aloud: Matilda

#### Homework

Week of Jan.6th: only reading (welcome back!)

Week of Jan. 13th: all homework

Week of Jan. 20th: only reading (short week)

Week of Jan. 27th: all homework

### March

**Theme:** Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

**Main Focus for Each Core Subject:** 

Math: Measurement, and Time

Language Arts: Non-fiction, Prepositions,

Tense, Compound Words

Social Studies: Respect and Responsibility Science: Plants & Animals, Similarities & Differences Writing: "How-To" or Instructional Writing

Read Aloud: Dr. Seuss

#### Homework

Week of Mar. 3rd: all homework Week of Mar. 10th: all homework

Week of Mar.17th: only reading (short week)

Week of Mar.24th: all homework Week of Mar.31st: all homework

### May

Theme: Friendship

#### **Main Focus for Each Core Subject:**

Math: Review and Testing

**Language Arts:** Review and Testing **Social Studies:** Review and Testing

**Science:** Review and Testing **Writing:** Review and Testing

Read Aloud: Charlotte's Web

#### Homework

Week of May 5th: all homework
Week of May 12th: only reading
Week of May 19th: only reading
Week of May 26th: no homework