

# CLASS NEWS

First Grade Friday Post | Week of Sept. 9, 2019

## EVENTS

**Sept. 9–27: Family Conferences**

**Sept. 23–Oct. 4: MAP Testing**

**Sept. 21: Fall Welcome**

**Sept. 26: Picture Day**

**Staff Day (no school): Oct. 21**

## JUST A NOTE

Family Conferences will **not** be held on Oct. 18! Instead, the first grade teachers will host Family Conferences before, during, or after school from Sept. 9 to Sept. 27. Ms. Gregory will send her conference sign-up via email.

## WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

### Expectations and Consequences

Both classes have authored their class rules. We develop our rules by asking students about their “hopes and dreams” for the school year, and what rules we will need to help us achieve our goals. We are also beginning to introduce logical consequences, like “break it, fix it” and taking a break. To learn more about WCA’s classroom management approach, visit [www.responsiveclassroom.org](http://www.responsiveclassroom.org).

### Literacy

We have started Phonics, Reading, and Writing Workshops! Our curriculum is created by the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University. Learn more about the workshop approach at [www.readingandwritingproject.org](http://www.readingandwritingproject.org).

### Math

We are digging into Investigations, our math curriculum. We aced the counting unit and are moving full speed ahead into addition. We use math games to help make abstract concepts more concrete.

## REMINDERS

- ★ Please give your child a family photo for our family wall.
- ★ Please pack a healthy, easy-to-open snack for your child every day.
- ★ If your child needs to be absent, please notify the office so as to avoid unexcused absences.

