**Our 1st Grade Classroom News**

**The Week of August 28 – September 1**

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* Reminder to sign up for a parent/teacher conference using the link below:  
  <https://www.volunteersignup.org/3FEPD>
* Students do not need to bring back their homework notebook until Fridays.
* We are working on short ‘a’ words this week.

**Important Info**

**Sept. 1st** Reading logs start coming home

**Sept. 4th** No School

**Upcoming Events**

* **Reading Challenge of the Week:** Have your child find as many short ‘a’ words as they can as they read their books this week. Have them create a list of short ‘a’ words they find in their homework notebook.
* **Math Challenge of the Week:** We continue to work on finding 2 numbers that make another number. Have your child pick the number 6, 7, 8, **or** 9. Have them find ALL of the numbers that make it. For example, if the number they picked was 10, they would say: 1+9=10, 9+1=10, 2+8=10, 8+2=10, 3+7=10, 7+3=10, 4+6=10, 6+4=10, and 5+5=10. If your child needs visuals to help them with this, give them 10 pennies (however many is the number they picked) and have them split the pennies into 2 piles. Count how many are in each pile. Continue to do this until they have found most/all of the numbers that make 10 (the number they picked).
* **Writing Challenge of the Week:** Ask your child to pick someone from the class to write about. Each day the students are getting to know more and more new friends and are finding out more about them! It can be as simple as writing down what they look like and what they like to do at recess, or as hard as describing what their favorite activities are outside of class or what are they are really good at doing. Depending on your child's writing ability, they should write anywhere between 2-8 sentences. You decide what your child can handle.

**Website of the Week:** [Fruit Shoot](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/Fruit_shoot_SkipCount.htm) is a great math game for the beginning of 1st grade. Students have to find the missing numbers by skip counting. This is set by levels so you can make this as easy or as hard as you want it for your child.   
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**App of the Week:**  Mathmateer is an app that is a great way to motivate students in math a bit more. It is VERY fun for them and they can't add to their rockets without answering math questions correctly first.

**Tech of the Week**

**Challenges of the Week**