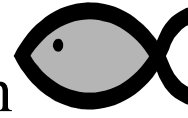


# Classroom Connection



Mrs. Schnakenberg

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Dear Parents,

I feel that we have started the year off well! I thank God every day for the opportunity to teach your children!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Spelling**—We will continue to practice and review vowel sounds.

**Reading--** We are reading baggy books, emphasizing words that they should know by sight and using phonics (the sounds that letters make) to read words. They also have a reading book, Too Big. We read “Who is Tapping at My Window” this week. Next week we will read “Morning on the Farm” and “Early Morning.” We will continue to do worksheets to master phonics.

**English**— This week we worked on organization skills. Next week we will work on identifying nouns and verbs in some very short sentences!

**Math**—We will continue counting and writing numbers, and we will talk about fewer and more, right and left, and graphing.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**Spelling**—We have two spelling groups in second grade! We will add 6 words to our spelling notebooks daily. We will have dictation daily as well. The first six words of the dictation will be for a grade. Marks, codes, and spaces count!

**Reading**—We are reviewing phonics for these first few weeks. In our reading text, New Beginnings, we have read the first story, “Franny and Ginny,” and “Daddy, Can I have an Elephant?” Next week we will read “The Wobbly People in Ellen’s Block House.” Please have your child read for 15 minutes every evening, either from the textbook or a library book.

**English**—We will review rules, practice jingles and classify some simple sentences.

**Math**—We will review time, addition doubles, and make patterns, using pattern blocks.

**Both Grades** In Science, this week we will investigate the properties of living and non-living things.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact me at school (668-4614), before 4 p.m. or at home (660-343-5359), before 9 p.m. or e-mail me at

[bschnak@hotmail.com](mailto:bschnak@hotmail.com). If you call me at home, please be aware that my dad lives with us. He does not hear well, so he will probably hang up on you! If I am at home, I make every effort to get to the phone first!

God Bless!  
Mrs. Schnakenberg