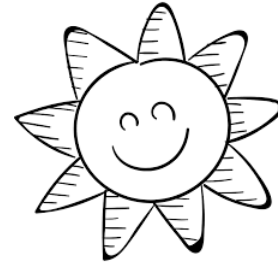


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# SUNSHINE FOLDER

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These yellow take home folders are called "Sunshine Folders" because they hold so much joy! Inside these folders you will always find evidence of your child's progress and success. These folders will go home and come back to school **every day**.

The first page is a **Behavior Log**. Students will learn how to self-monitor their own behavior each day. It is my hope to help your children be intrinsically motivated to have a wonderful day at school. **Please sign this every day** so I can make sure you've seen it. There is a spot labeled "Comments." Here we can communicate any details or concerns about the day, or we can always communicate via email or Bloomz.

The next page is a **Reading Log**. This log is designed to track your child's reading at home. To ensure success in first grade, students should be reading at home *every day* for 20 minutes. **Please make this a priority**. Logging their reading is not only a reminder to read, but a great way to start a conversation with a friend about a book. **Please sign this** for each book your child logs.

The rest of the pages are where your child will track their data. There are **data collection pages** for their Spelling tests (weekly), Reading fluency, Math tests (there are only a few of these), and Developmental Reading Level (DRA). These are in here for you to be able to check in on their progress, but mostly for the students to do so, to set goals for themselves, and to celebrate their success!

The pockets of the folders will be used to transport **homework**. Once the year gets rolling, students will have math homework and spelling homework. The reason we have homework in first grade is to start building good habits your child will need in the coming years. Also, the homework we give allows for an opportunity for you and your child to talk, read, play, and ultimately learn together. (I've included a Homework Schedule.)

**Math** - Students will have a quick (5 minute) math **home-link** to complete *with you* at home every day. These are designed by Everyday Math to create a learning link between home and school. Sometimes there will be math problems and other times it will ask you to play a game.

**Spelling** – Students will receive their **spelling words** for the week along with their **spelling sentence**. Spelling words should be practiced every day for our test on Friday! I have included some Wacky Ways to practice spelling words. Spelling sentences are designed to help students practice using our tricky word of the week. Tricky words are words that you can't "sound out." *These sentences are due every Friday* so they can be put into our class book.