

March 7, 2017

Dear Parents,

The first graders have been working very hard. They have been trying very hard to earn SOAR tickets by remembering the “First grade Promise” that they created and signed at the beginning of the year.

In the spring, I know it can be quite busy. I have some suggestions to help you and your child complete their homework and return it the next day. By helping your student develop these strong study habits now, it will truly benefit them throughout their whole educational career.

Just a reminder to everyone that there is homework each night in math and reading. It should only take about 30 minutes total. Reading with your child is so important and a great way to hear how much they’ve improved since the beginning of the year. Please help them retell their stories or key facts that they have learned from a non-fiction book.

I know life can be hectic but try to help your child find, or create, a quiet spot at home where they can sit and focus on their work. As a working parent I understand how tricky mornings can be, so I have my own children place their backpacks by the front door so all they have to do is grab it on their way out the door. If students do not return their work the next day they will have to make it up during their break time or specials.

The student council is selling hot chocolate in the mornings this week for \$1. Also, the children may wear pajama’s to school on Thursday if they pay a \$1. The money raised will go towards our “Buddy” bench on the playground. Please remember to turn in the Paonia Reads bags each Wednesday!

Thanks for all you support! Have a great week!  
Mrs. Horn