

Friday News

Important information for uniforms BEFORE you go shopping again!!

If a student wants to wear a sweater or sweatshirt in the building, they must be in KTA uniform. This must be a SOLID color of **red**, **navy**, white, or **black**. If it has a logo on it, it can be no more than 2X2 inches.

Any headbands worn to school cannot be a distraction with animal ears or pom poms on them

Spalding Spelling

You may have noticed that the beginning words in Spalding are VERY easy - and that they are repeats of words seen last year (if your child was in kindergarten at KTA). This is part of the Spalding system - while kids are learning the phonograms, the rules of marking words, and the routines of the Spalding lesson, the words are kept easy. They quickly get harder as more phonograms are mastered. So, don't be alarmed - easy words are used for teaching the system, then the harder words are introduced.

Also, you'll notice that words are not in 'word families' - sat, mat, fat, etc. They are chosen to practice key phonograms. In a few weeks you'll see that spelling lists are more challenging than those typically seen in first grade. At the end of the year, the pink Spalding Notebook will come home with over 500 spelling words, marked for spelling rules. You can also see the Notebook at parent-teacher conferences.

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What we do in first grade:

In math we are working on counting on, or using the “**big number in my brain**” strategy. Students put the big number in their brain, and then count on the smaller number using their fingers, objects, or a number line. For example, if the problem says 5+2, students touch their head and say 5, then count two more using their fingers and saying 6, 7.

We are also working on **Doubles** (3+3=6), and **Doubles +1** (3+3+1=7). Please work on these important facts at home.

Spelling: List 2

1. my	6. am	11. chance	16. ago	21. be	26. you
2. up	7. good	12. change	17. old	22. but	27. out
3. last	8. time	13. little	18. bad	23. this	28. time
4. not	9. have	14. are	19. red	24. all	29. may
5. us	10. blue	15. little	20. of	25. your	30. into

Phonograms:

a e i o u
 ar oo v ay ch
 c g b ou y
 t m d p r