

Friday News

Please go to Donor's Choose.org, look for Mrs. A's project on scholastic News. [Scholastic News needed to read about the world.](#) While it says Mrs. A—this is for ALL of first grade. Please donate whatever you can!

Our math homework, given twice a week matches our Friday tests. Please review those math boxes to help prepare for the Friday test.

Homework and SPARC

It is a KTA student's responsibility to take homework home, do the homework, and get it back to school. Students who do not get their homework home, or don't finish their homework, or leave it at home, will do the homework the next day at SPARC.

SPARC is not a harmful thing. It is a room where some students go to finish their homework. Students who complete their homework at SPARC generally learn to be more careful about getting their homework home, finished, and back to school.

□ It is your child's responsibility - not the teacher's - to get the homework into the homework folder each day. (We remind them.)

□ It is your child's responsibility - not yours - to do the homework. (You can help them with assignments if they need your help.)

□ It is your child's responsibility - not yours - to get the homework back in their backpack and to bring their backpack to school.

The best way to support us at home is to be matter-of-fact with your child. ("Yes, you forgot your homework. Tell your teacher in the morning.") We don't need you to punish, scold, or give consequences for us - SPARC is the logical consequence. **Thank you** for supporting us in this school homework policy.

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What we do in first grade

Phonograms

Phonograms (the sounds that letters make) have been a big focus so far this school year, and will continue to be something we test the kids on regularly. Most families already have their cards, if you do not have cards yet, please let your child's teacher know. Please practice the phonograms using these cards. Another way you can assist your child in their practice is through the use of this link www.phonogrampage.com. Or with the Spalding app, which is available for iPhone and android phones.

Spelling

This upcoming week will be our last week without spelling words! Please look here starting next week (week of Aug. 28—for your spelling list)

We will be sending home tips on how to practice the 30 words for our weekly tests on Fridays.