



DR. BLAIR'S B.E.A.R. FACTS  
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Welcome to the first issue of our classroom's weekly newsletter. Look for it each Monday on ivory paper. We are off to a ***GREAT*** start!!

**HOMework SHEETS** - Please be mindful that homework sheets (on green paper) will need to stay in the B.E.A.R. BOOK. We will remove and replace these sheets on Monday. I have made this task the children's responsibility, and a check will be issued if left at home.

**CHECKS/B.E.A.R. BUCS** - The checks and reward system will begin this week. I explained to the students on day one that they would have the first couple of weeks to get acquainted with all classroom rules and routines before I initiate this system. Students will be able to earn two B.E.A.R. BUCS a week (Tuesday & Thursday). One BUC can be used to purchase a toy from the treasure chest, and one BUC can be used to purchase a teacher-made coupon (free homework passes, 10 minutes of free time, etc.). The store will only be opened on Friday afternoon. We welcome any and all duplicate Kid's Meal items that aren't being utilized to help replenish our treasure chest.

**READING** - Please make a conscious effort to have your child read at least 10 minutes each day. I ask that you record the reading material on the reading log in the B.E.A.R. BOOK. Once the reading logs fill up, I will insert new ones. Please do not remove them.

**MAKE-UP WORK** - All missed seatwork will have to be made up. I will send these worksheets home to be completed as homework because there will be no time to do an individual lesson with a student.

TESTS - Usually, tests will be given on Fridays; however, there may be times (short school weeks), that tests will fall on another day. I will give one re-test for each initial failed test. A note will be attached to the test and sent home for you to review with your child. All re-tests and make-up tests will be given on Fridays.

SNACKS/WATER - Students are allowed to bring snacks; however, I ask that you please only send finger food. If you would like to send bottled water or water bottles, I will keep them filled for your child. I am experiencing too many interruptions by having to pause during instructions to fill up a cup, or I am constantly being asked to be excused. Thanks for your understanding and support in this matter.

GRADED WORK - All graded tests and seatwork will be sent home on Mondays.

YUM-FRIDAY - We will have a cooking activity each Friday and have coined it **YUM-FRIDAY**. Thus far, we have enjoyed Smores and Graham Cakes. This Friday we will make Carmel Popcorn. YUM!!!

***\*WHAT WE WILL BE LEARNING\****

Reading: Reviewing sounds and letters

Math: Using addition

Social Studies: Families

Science: Seasons

***UPCOMING EVENTS***

***Wednesday, August 27 -***  
***Thursday, August 28 -***

***Student Picture Day***  
***RTA Family Dinner & General Meeting @ 6:00 PM***