

# KEMP'S NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/24:** Mobile Dentist/Mrs. Kemp out all day for testing
- 9/25:** Mobile Dentist
- 9/28:** Community Knight
- 10/2:** PTO Meeting
- 10/3:** Count Day
- 10/5:** Popcorn Day/Homecoming

## ACADEMIC OUTLOOK

- Math:** Review/Test
- Phonics:** Review of Kindergarten
- Reading:** Good Fit Books
- Red Words:** his, go, she
- Science:** Plants
- Writing:** Ideas

## Reminders

Here are a few reminders to help your child successfully conquer 1st grade:

- Friday Folders should be returned the next school day
- Homework is given (almost) every Friday and is due by the following Friday. Always check the "Homework" section in the newsletter to see if there is homework!
- If your child is late to school and does not bring his/her own cold lunch, he/she will have to choose between a PB&J or sub. Your child will not be able to choose Choice A or B since lunch counts are due by 9am.
- Library books need to be returned every week by Friday
- Your child needs shoes for PE on Fridays

## Safety Drills

In the last couple of weeks, we have been practicing our safety drills. We have had a fire drill and a lockdown drill. Be sure to ask your child about these and what the expectations are during them. Your child should be able to tell you that during a fire drill, we need to leave quickly and quietly to get to our designated spot. During a lockdown drill, your child should be able to tell you what part of the room we go to, that we sit silently, and wait until we get the "OK" to move around.



### HOMEWORK

Lesson: 1-8

\*\*Homework is due by the following Friday!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/2: Gabriel

10/11: Lynette



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### WEBSITE

Check it out!

[kkemp-kenowa.weebly.com](http://kkemp-kenowa.weebly.com)

## Shoe Tying

Our fourth week of school is done, and that means Halloween will soon be here. Halloween is the last day that I tie shoes for the students! Starting November 1st, if a student needs his/her shoe tied, he/she will have to do it on his/her own or have a friend do it. This is a skill all students need to know, so please make sure to practice at home. I want all students to be safe, but it is a huge distraction in our class if someone has a shoe untied, and it usually makes us late to wherever we are going!

## Foss Science

If you have my teacher page as a friend on Facebook, you will have seen that we are growing a lawn! We also just recently planted wheat, and the students are excited to watch it grow. Kenowa Hills recently purchased a new science curriculum called Foss Science for 1st grade (among other grades), and it is very hands-on! The students are loving that it is hands-on, and it is a very engaging curriculum. In 1st grade, we have three different units: Plants & Animals (our current unit), Air & Weather, and Light & Sound. Be sure to keep your eyes on the Facebook page for updated information about what we are learning and growing! This is my first time with the curriculum so everyone is learning together, which is quite interesting!

## Flexible Seating

If you were able to make it into our classroom for Open House, you may have noticed I have a collection of crate seats, patio cushions, and dog beds. We use these during reading time. Over the summer, I created a DonorsChoose campaign to get more flexible seating in our class. My family and friends, who are super awesome, funded the whole campaign so we were able to get 4 yoga exercise balls, 6 wiggle seats, and 6 lap desks. These will be used throughout the year as needed. Currently, we are only using them for reading time until we learn how to use them properly. Be sure to ask your child what he/she has used and what he/she likes best!

### DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Facebook page for our class! If you have Facebook, but haven't "friended" me yet, please do so! Find me: Katie Kemp-Teacher or follow the link: <https://www.facebook.com/katie.kempteacher>

### BOX TOPS

Make sure you are collecting Box Tops! Send in your collected Box Tops in a baggie with your child's name and count on it!

### VOLUNTEER

We would love to have you help us out! We will especially need help once Book Bags start coming home! Here is the link to sign up to volunteer to listen to Book Bags:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090848aba92eabfc1-book>