

July 1st, 2020

Welcome to 1st Grade!

I want to start by saying how excited I am to be teaching 1st grade this school year! First grade is a magical year. Many of you will learn to read chapter books this year, and become *authors* of your own books! You will become *mathematicians* and learn to add and subtract double-digit numbers using different strategies. You will also become *historians* and *scientists* and *experts* at many new things!

I can't wait to meet you all when we return to school and share more of the exciting things that will keep us busy in 1st grade!

But for now, we have two months of summer to enjoy. I hope you all are spending your summer days reading good books, trying new things, and staying safe and healthy with your families.

Exercising our brains is just as important as exercising our bodies, especially during the summer! To help your brains stay strong with all of the new learning you did in Kindergarten, I have set up 18 different activities for you to work on using SeeSaw, which can be used on your computers and tablets. You can do as many activities as you'd like, when you'd like, during the next few weeks. These activities go over many different reading, writing, and math concepts that you learned in Kindergarten and help prepare you for 1st grade.

To access our SeeSaw activities:
If you're using Seesaw for the first time:

1. Go to app.seesaw.me
2. Choose "I'm a Student"
3. **Type in the code: CVSD DEHH. This code expires on July 7, 2020**
4. Finish creating your account using your school Google account or email address

If you've used Seesaw before and have an account:

1. Go to app.seesaw.me
2. Choose "I'm a Student"
3. Sign in using your school Google account or email address
4. Click on your profile icon on the top left
5. Click on the +Join Class button
6. **Type in the code: CVSD DEHH. This code expires on July 7, 2020**

The code to register will expire on July 7th. If you are registering for SeeSaw after July 7th, please e-mail me and I will send the new code.

Have a wonderful, restful, safe, and healthy summer!

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