



# First Grade Flyer



Goshen Elementary School

November, 2009

## The First Grade Team

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## Curriculum Corner

Our first graders have had a very successful first quarter! In **Book Club**, we have just finished our examination of the various text features we find in non-fiction texts. We read about fall, pumpkins, and apples while identifying the table of contents, photographs, headings, labels, captions, diagrams, charts, graphs, glossary, and index.

Now, as we begin the second quarter, we will learn how to read procedural (how to) texts. We will examine several texts for their text features, including the materials list, numbered steps, and transition words. We will also practice our before, during, and after reading strategies while reading different kinds of procedures - recipes, game directions, and instructions for making various crafts.

In the near future, we will be following directions to actually make snowflakes,

foods, and/or paper airplanes. These cooking and art procedures will help us learn the importance of carefully reading and re-reading directions and the importance of following the correct order of our procedures.

In **Writer's Workshop**, we are practicing writing procedures and will be making our very own "How To" books. We will also write sequences for regular things like brushing our teeth and making our beds.

In **Math Club**, we will work with the concept of place value and on understanding the tens and ones in different numbers. We will use manipulatives, like unifix cubes and base ten blocks, to help us. We have continued to develop problem solving strategies for solving some fairly complex word problems.

We will soon begin working with clocks and learning how to tell time to the nearest

hour, half hour, and quarter hour. We will also be measuring objects with both standard and non-standard units of measurement. It would be very beneficial if you would guide your child on a hunt throughout your house looking for various kinds of clocks (both analog and digital) and measuring devices (rulers, yardsticks, measuring cups, scales, thermometers, etc.).

In **Science**, we will be continuing to work on our constructions unit. We enjoyed a great neighborhood walk in October and enjoyed looking at different homes and building materials in our Goshen neighborhood. Keep looking for different building materials and structures in your neighborhood! Our next unit will be weather.

In **Social Studies**, we are learning how to read and use maps of the U.S. and of the world, including knowing our four main directions—north, south, east, and west.

## CALENDAR

Nov. 2

Professional Day

Nov. 6

Cultural Arts Assembly

Nov. 11 & 12

Early Dismissal Days/Parent Conferences

Nov. 13

Quarter One Awards Assembly 10:30

Nov. 18

Dine out with PTA

Nov. 25

Early Release for

Thanksgiving 1 PM

Nov., 26-27

No School/ Thanksgiving

## Announcements

\*Please continue to practice reading your guided reading books every night. Practice any word cards that are in your Book Club bags as well. Regular practice is essential for our growing reading skills in first grade!

\* Please continue to practice basic addition and subtraction facts at home daily, so that they become automatic.

\* Please remember to send the

Goshen Grizzly Folders back and forth every day.

\* With the cold weather now upon us, please **label** all pieces of your children's outer clothing with their names.

\* Thanks to everyone for your wonderful donations to our Dollar Den, and thanks to our volunteers who come and run the store every week. It is the real highlight of our children's week!

\*We would like to give a special **thank you** to all parents and families who helped out with our Halloween parties! Everyone had a wonderful time.

\* We wish all of our first grade families a wonderful and healthy Thanksgiving holiday! Enjoy!

*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*



Congratulations to... these outstanding students whose names were drawn for having all green behavior for the month of October!



**Brady Henegar, Jeremy King, Rayana Covington, Isabella Augustino**

Keep on encouraging your child to show green behavior at school and celebrate receiving Grizzly Grams!



**Happy Birthday to...**

November 5– Kyle Wingate Jr.

November 16– Emmanuel Demissie

November 23– Ronald Brown

November 6– Anieska Perez-Ruiz

November 16– Ryan O’Connor

November 27- Abigail Capen

November 12– Ezekiel Girmay

November 20– Tayietu Gebretsadic

November 28– Dion Imes

# READING/LANGUAGE ARTS FOLLOW UP IDEAS FOR AT HOME

- In Reading, we have been working on reading directions and on following procedures. At home, follow the directions to make some kind of art project. Or have your child help follow the directions to cook something over the vacation. Have your child point out the materials list, the numbered steps, pictures and diagrams in directions. Review the importance of following the directions in sequential order.
- Have your child write out the directions on how to do something.
- We have worked on describing things using our senses. We tell what we see, hear, smell, taste, and feel. Have your child observe something and then write sentence telling what is noticed using each of these sensory words.
- Have your child observe the weather. Draw a picture showing the weather and write some sentences telling about it. Have your child be the weather reporter and read the report to you.
- Rainbow write your spelling words. Write the word with a pencil. Then trace over it with different colored markers. Say the letters as you trace them. Do this at least four times to learn the word and to create a rainbow word.



## Book It! Reading Program

Goshen is joining the "Book It" reading incentive program sponsored by Pizza Hut. Your child has already been reading 10 minutes each night for homework. Simply color the attached calendar with the days your child reads 10 minutes and return it to your child's homeroom teacher at the end of the month. You will receive a coupon for a free personal pan pizza!