



First Grade News

November - A Time To Give Thanks!

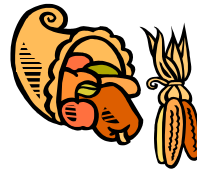
It's hard to believe it's November already. This is such a beautiful time of the year. Sharing Thanksgiving with children is very special. The first grade team is especially thankful for having the opportunity to be at Sally K. Ride with such great students and wonderful, caring parents.

The Halloween Parties were so much fun! Thank you to all of the parents who donated supplies and helped out.

We enjoyed sharing the wonderful

things your child is doing at conferences this week.

We hope you and your family have a happy, restful, and beautiful Thanksgiving!



Skills For The Month

Reading/Language Arts

- Recognize that common text features provide added information.
- Recognize common text features: headings, illustrations, table of contents, indexes, charts, and captions
- Identify purposes of expository text
- Distinguish important and unimportant information
- Follow simple instructions
- Read high frequency words
- Spell correctly assigned high frequency words and words with specific spelling patterns
- Associate all consonants, consonant blends and some vowel sounds to appropriate letters and combine these sounds into recognizable words (when reading and writing)

Math

- Estimate and measure length in inches
- Select an appropriate tool, including

- rulers, clocks (to hour, half-hour and quarter hour), calendars, and scales to measure a specific attribute
- Solve problems using nonstandard measurement concepts and procedures

Writing

- Develop a main idea and supporting sentence
- Use relevant sensory details to make a topic or message clear to the reader
- Write step-by-step directions to perform a task

Social Studies-

- Tell how the geography of a region affect the people
- Identify why people use maps and globes to represent places in the Earth
- Identify how people adapt and change their environment

Science

- Demonstrate weather concepts by using scientific illustrations and vocabulary

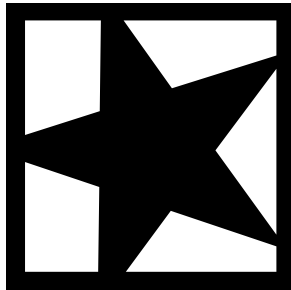
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Have You Remembered To:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send your child's signed report card envelope to school • Send in permission slip and fee for the field trip • Record the number of minutes read each night on the November Reading Calendar

Important Dates:
<u>Tuesday, Nov. 18th</u> (Thorne, Cox, Jubert)
<u>and Wednesday, 19th</u> (Selak, Plesh, Flowers) Field trip to Kingsley Environmental Education Center
<u>Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27th and 28th</u> Thanksgiving holidays

6 Star Writing Checklist

In first grade we use a "Six Star Checklist" to help guide students to becoming successful writers. The checklist we used the first quarter was the same one your child used at the end of kindergarten. This next quarter the first grade team will be using a more advanced "Six Star Checklist" (see below) to further guide instruction and to assess students' writing. Please use it to assist your child when you are helping him/her write at home.



My 6 Star Writing Checklist (Quarter 2)

- I answered question or prompt with four or more sentences. (Word Choice)
- I wrote or answered using details. (Ideas) ...fat, juicy apple
- I used the correct end punctuation. ! ? . (Conventions)
- I put spaces between my words. **The dog** (Organization)
- My words can be read easily because I used word wall words and letters sounds. (Conventions)
- I used capital letters when needed. (Conventions) Ben and I like the Orioles.