



First Grade Newsletter

It is hard to believe that November is already here! We would like to thank you for all the support that you give to your child and the First Grade Team. We could not do the things we do without your support.

Reading: First grade readers will be working very hard on many concepts this quarter. In vocabulary, students will be working on context clues, word attributes, affixes and root words. When reading literary text, the focus will be on retelling key details, learning about the central message or lesson of the story, and comparing adventures and experiences of characters. When reading informational texts, students will be asked and students will ask about key details about the text. Students will continue to focus on reading strategies based on their text level.

Parents please make sure that your child is reading and returning their reading book each day! The books are resources that are used daily during small group instruction. This has been an ongoing problem that we need your support with.

Writer's Workshop: In writing, we will continue working on the concepts that make us good writers. We will be making revisions and editing our writing, writing independently using simple and compound sentences, and spelling word wall words (that we have learned) correctly. We will also continue to stress **CHUPS** (Capitalization, handwriting, usage, punctuation and spelling). During the second quarter the writing emphasis will be on informative, opinion and narrative writing.

Math: Students will be working on place value and representation of numbers by decomposing and composing 2 digit numbers in multiple ways. Students will also be adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers. We will revisit story problems using a variety of strategies to find the answers. Lastly, students will be learning strategies to add 3 numbers together.

Social Studies: Students will be observing and describing ways that people of different cultural backgrounds meet human needs and contribute to the community. They will discuss and respect traditions and customs of families in their communities. Some of the tasks will include using terms related to ordering events sequentially, comparing

people and objects of today and long ago, and collecting and examining photographs of the past. **If any parents are interested in visiting the classrooms to share information about their culture (ie. clothing, music, traditions and customs) please contact your child's teacher. We would be honored to have you join us!**

Science: Students will be observing changes in an object's motion, describing the effects of magnets on objects, classifying materials and asking questions regarding the effect of magnets on objects.

Reminders:

As the weather starts to get cooler please send your child with a jacket to go outside for recess.

Please remember to sign your child's *Caught You Being Good* chart each day. This is a way for both parent, teacher and student to communicate positive expectations of the classroom.

Conferences will be on November 10th and 11th unless you have heard otherwise from your child's homeroom teacher.

Check with your child to see if they need their school supplies replenished.

The First Grade Team appreciates the support you are giving your child at home. Please continue to do so!

Thank you...We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who took part in helping to prepare for the Halloween celebration. The teachers and students thoroughly enjoyed it! A special thanks to all of our room parents who spent many extra hours preparing for this day. You are the greatest!