



# First Grade News

## Reading

The students will be learning how good readers make connections such as text-self or text-text. We will continue read to for literary experience, to identify the elements of a story (setting, characters, problem, and solution). We will continue working on before, during and after-reading strategies. Finally, the students will continue to read and learn new facts about different cultures.

Please continue to read with your child for 20 minutes each day to ensure your child's success!

## Writing

This month our focus will be on writing to perform a task. We will learn how to do research, organize our information, create headings, and group facts together. We will continue to add more information to our writing and revise our work with our peers in order to communicate with our readers. Students will continue to learn how to give attention to details in their writing such as capitalization and punctuation.



## Math

This month the students will continue to use their addition and subtraction strategies like the number line, counting up, counting back, and using manipulatives to help solve problems. The students will be able to use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing numbers in addition and subtraction problems

## Upcoming Events

**12/15 – Holiday Concert at 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room**

**12/21 – Field Trip to the Smithsonian Natural Museum of Natural History**

**12/23 – Last day before Winter Break**

**12/26-1/2/12—No School (Winter Break)**

**1/3/12 – Classes Resume**