



# First Grade News

## Reading

The students will continue read to for literary experience, to identify the elements of a story (setting, characters, problem, and solution). The students will be making connections on two texts of the same topic to find out the similarities and differences. The students will be making inferences will reading informational text. 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 research and writing projects. 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 about the different parts of a sentence like a noun, verb, and an adjective.



## Math

This month the students will continue to use their addition and subtraction strategies such as the number line, counting up, counting back, and using manipulatives to help solve problems. The students will begin to compare the lengths of different objects in the classroom. The students will be measuring the objects with non-standard units. An example of non-standard units is cubes, bears, and paper clips.

## Upcoming Events

- January 2, 2012 – MCPS Holiday, No School
- January 3, 2012 – Classes resume
- January 4, 2012 – Data notebooks sent home
- January 9-13, 2012 – Reading week at Glen Haven
- January 11, 2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent night 6-7:00 p.m.
- January 12, 2012 – Family Reading Night 7-8:30 p.m.
- January 13, 2012 – Drama Club Annual Carnival 4-9:00 p.m.
- January 18, 2012 – Parent night Gr. 3 6-7:00 p.m.
- January 19, 2012 – Parent night, Gr. 2 6-7:00 p.m.
- January 26, 2012 – Parent night, Gr. 4, 6-7:00 p.m.
- January 27, 2012 – Kindergarten Movie night 6-9:00 p.m.