



GLEN HAVEN  
ELEMENTARY



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# First Grade News

## Reading

We have been busy this September! During their time in school, your child has learned about strategies good readers use before, during, and after reading a story. We are also learning that good readers make connections such as text-self or text-text. We will continue read to for literary experience and to identify the elements of a story (setting, characters, problem, and solution). We have learned about each element in isolation, as well as how they work together to create a story that is interesting for the reader.

At the end of October, we will learn about text features (Table of Contents, Captions, Labels, Index, Headings, Charts and Graphs) and determine their importance.

## Writing

We love writing about personal experiences, and we have learned what the characteristics are for a good personal narrative. Did you know that revision is not the same as editing in the writing process? When we revise our work we are adding more information to make our writing clear and interesting. When we edit our work, we check that our words are spelled correctly.

## Math

The first grade classes will continue to work on addition and subtraction strategies. Also, our students will be able to combine and decompose numbers up to 20 to solve word problems. Later in the month, they will work to organize, represent, and interpret data through graphs.

Please continue to work on addition and subtraction facts with your child each evening! These facts are a very important part of both the first and second grade curriculum.



## Upcoming Events

- October 4 PTA Meeting at 7 p.m.
- October 11 **Open House**—Welcome Parents and Friends! (9am-12pm)
- October 12 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Meeting (6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)
- October 21 -No School MSTA Conference
- October 26 **Data Notebooks sent home!**  
**Please return on 10/27.**
- October 28 **Halloween Parade** at 1:30  
Class celebrations at 2:30.