

# First Grade Flash

## October News

We are off to a wonderful school year! Our reading initiative program is off to a fantastic start! Please check your child's Book Club bag each night. We send home the books your child has read during their guided reading group. They are to reread the story at home to promote reading fluency.

### Halloween Party & Parade

The Halloween parade will begin at 2:00 on Friday, October 31st. We will be having our classroom parties immediately afterwards. Please let your child's teacher know if you would prefer your child not to participate. Alternative activities will be provided.

## What we are working on this month...

**Language Arts**— We are currently studying the concepts of story elements, text features, and writing for personal expression using the six traits of writing. Your child has been working daily in a guided reading group working on phonics, sight words, leveled reading books, and responding to stories in writing.

**Math**—Our first unit covers number sense, one more and one less, story problems, patterns, and using various tools such as the number line and the hundreds chart to solve problems. Please review patterns, one more and one less, odd and even, and solving story problems with your child at home.

**Science**— Our first graders are wonderful scientists! We have been continuing our science unit on **Constructions**. We have been making houses, building fences, and constructing bridges! What fun!

**Social Studies** - We have been learning about citizenship, American symbols, and important leaders.

### Reminders:

**Water bottles:** Students are encouraged to keep water bottles at their desk so as to cut down on runs to the water fountain. A "sport top" is preferred to keep it from spilling. Please do not send juice or milk.

**Homework:** Please be sure to check your child's homework each night and return it to school the next day. We will be starting our spelling program in November. More information will be coming!

**Parent Volunteers:** We received a wonderful response to our parent volunteer letter. You will be receiving a schedule from your classroom teacher shortly.

**Parent/Teacher Outreach Meeting:** There will be a math informational meeting at RPES on Thursday, October 30th from 7:15-8:30. We hope to see you there!

**Parent Conferences:** We are looking forward to meeting with you about your child's progress. You should have received a confirmation time from your child's teacher.

### Important Dates:

- Fri. 10/17 No School
- Fri. 10/31 — Halloween Party & Parade
- Wed. 11/3 & 11/4 —No School
- Tues. 11/11 & Wed 11/12—Early Release—Parent Conferences.