

Fabulous First Grade News

The first graders have been learning and discovering many new things. It is hard to believe that the first quarter has come to an end! The month of November will be full of many new learning experiences.

READING

In November, we will continue our focus on Reading to be Informed. The students will...

- Distinguish fiction from informational text.
- Use simple print features & graphic aids to facilitate understanding of text.
- Interpret information from charts.
- Identify and use common text features.
- Retell important facts in own words.

WRITING

First graders will continue to write to express personal ideas in Writer's Workshop. The students will also take writing through the writing process. The students will:

- Write simple sentences with correct grammatical usage, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Write to express personal ideas that convey a message and includes details.

MATH

In the month of November we will finish Unit1B "Patterns and Counting". We will begin Unit 2A "Time and Measurement". In math the students will...

- Recognize, describe, extend, and create repeating patterns using models.
- Copy, continue, and record patterns with actions, words, and objects.
- Tell time to the hour and half hour.
- Estimate and measure length in inches.
- Select an appropriate tool including ruler, clocks, calendars and scales to measure specific attributes.
- Solve problems using nonstandard measurement concepts and procedures.

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

In science, we will continue our unit on Constructions. In Social Studies, we will continue our unit titled "Making Laws: Making Decisions".

HOMEWORK

Homework packets will be sent home the first school day of each week and are due on Fridays. It is essential the Reading Log be completed and signed for each day. Please keep track of the reading on the log and return the packet stapled together.

FOLDERS

Take-Home Folders are needed in class everyday! Please put any notes for the teacher inside this folder. Friday Folders go home on Fridays. They should be signed, discussed with your child, and returned on Mondays.

PARENT CONFERENCES: Letters informing you of your day and time for a parent conference were sent home. Please return the bottom portion of the note to confirm that you will be attending. Thanks!

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Monday Nov. 2nd: Professional Day/No School for Students
- Wednesday Nov. 11th and Thursday Nov. 12th: $\frac{1}{2}$ day for Students - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday Nov. 11th: Report Cards go home
- Friday Nov. 13th: PTA Spaghetti Dinner
- Wed. Nov. 25th: $\frac{1}{2}$ Day for Students
- Thurs. Nov. 26th and Friday Nov. 27th: No School/Thanksgiving Holiday

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