

Fabulous First Grade News

OUR FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL

Our first month of first grade was quite busy! We have been learning new classroom routines and getting to know one another. We have also been very busy during daily math, writing, and reading lessons. The month ahead will keep us just as busy learning many new things!

READING

In October, we will continue our focus on Reading for Literary Experience. Towards the end of the month, we will begin Reading to be Informed. The students will...

- Identify characters, setting, problem, and solution.
- Distinguish fiction from informational text.
- Identify main idea.
- Retell important facts.

WRITING

First graders will continue to write to express personal ideas in Writer's Workshop. The students will...

- Write simple sentences with correct grammatical usage, capitalization, and punctuation.

MATH

The first graders will continue to work on various addition and subtraction concepts. We will be tested on Unit 1A in the middle of October. The last week of October, we will begin unit 1B "Patterns and Counting". In math the students will...

- Recognize, describe, extend, and create repeating patterns using models.
- Copy, continue, and record patterns with actions, words, and objects.
- Locate whole numbers on a number line by using counting strategies.
- Count to determine the number of items in a set (1's, 2's, and 5's to 30 and 10's to 100) using counting methods.
- Identify odd and even numbers.

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. This should remain attached to the packet. Whether you read to your child, with your child, or if the reading is done entirely by your child, IT COUNTS! 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.

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 5th - 9th: Book Fair
- Friday, Oct. 16th: NO SCHOOL - MSTA Teachers convention
- Thursday, Oct. 29th: MATH Morning 9:30 to 10:30
- Friday, Oct. 30th: End of the First Marking Period/Halloween Party

IN HOUSE MAD SCIENCE FIELD TRIP:

Mad Science will be coming to the first grade classrooms during the week of October 19th. Permission slips will come home soon!

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