



NOVEMBER NEWS

1st grade

A note from the teachers

It's hard to believe that we're already one-quarter of the way through the school year! We love seeing the progress your children are making, and we're looking forward to sharing it with you during our Parent-Teacher Conferences later this month.

Reminders

- ❑ Remember to check your child's take-home folder every day.
- ❑ If you have not yet done so, please use the link sent by your child's teacher to sign up for a Parent-Teacher Conference at your earliest convenience.

Events

- **Monday, Nov. 3rd** : No school for students (End of marking period grading & planning day for staff)
- **Friday, Nov. 7th** : Personal Best Day 9:10-10:00 am
- **Monday Nov. 10th - noon on Friday, Nov. 14th** : Book Fair
- **Tuesday, Nov. 11th** : Literacy Night 6:00-7:30 pm
- **Tuesday, Nov. 11th** : JRES Open House (1st grade 9:10 am-12:10 pm and 1:30 pm-3:00 pm)
- **Monday, Nov. 24th & Tuesday, Nov. 25th** : Early release days (12:55pm) for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Wednesday, Nov. 26- Friday, Nov. 28** : No school (Thanksgiving)

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Math Focus

Module 2 serves as a bridge from problem solving within 10 to work within 100 as students begin to solve addition and subtraction problems involving teen numbers. In Module 1, students were encouraged to move beyond the Level 1 strategy of counting all to the more efficient counting on. Now, they go beyond Level 2 to learn Level 3 decomposition and composition strategies, informally called make ten or take from ten. Though many students may continue to count on as their primary means of adding and subtracting, the larger purpose of composing and decomposing ten is to lay the foundation for the role of place value units in addition and subtraction.

Reading and Writing Focus

Skills Focus: This month we will continue Skills 2. We will continue reading and spelling words with long vowel sounds and magic “e”. We will learn more tricky words to build our fluency. We will also reinforce our understanding of nouns and proper nouns. We will work on sentence building.

Knowledge Focus: In knowledge we have been learning about common folktales retold in different cultures around the world. We are focusing on understanding the elements of a story by identifying these elements in different folktales. These elements include the characters, setting, plot and conflict.

Science and Social Studies Focus

We will spend some time in health learning about litter and litter prevention, reasons to see the nurse and dental health.

In Social Studies this month, we will explore the following topics:

People of different cultures meet needs in a variety of ways and interact to share and borrow customs and traditions.

Investigating the past and comparing it to today reveals how history has changed over time and promotes better understanding of ourselves.