

October 2026

First Grade



First Grade News

The first graders are off to a great start this school year! We spent time during the month of September learning school rules and routines. We also spent time learning about our classmates and establishing relationships.

It was so fun getting to see families at the Back to School Night as well as at the PTA Back to School Picnic. We always love getting to see everyone!

Please make sure to send in any Front Office Forms if you have not had the chance to do so yet.

We are looking forward to learning new things in October!

1st Grade Homework

First grade will begin weekly homework packets in October. Homework is to take around 10 minutes per day. Packets will have a mixture of 4 reading and math activities to complete with your first grader and they may complete the activities in any order. Packets will usually be sent home on Monday and then returned to school by the following Monday.

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- 1st grade homework information
- October 2026 Calendar - important dates specific to 1st grade
- Overviews for the month on what we will be learning
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First Grade Schedule

9:15 - 9:25	Arrival
9:30 - 9:45	Morning Meeting
9:45 - 11:05	Math
11:05 - 11:30	What I Need W.I.N.
11:35 - 12:45	Recess: 11:35 - 12:10 Lunch: 12:10 - 12:45
12:50 - 1:10	Social Studies Science
1:10 - 2:10	ELA
2:10 - 2:55	Specials
3:00 - 3:45	ELA
3:50	Dismissal



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
If there is a * next to an item, that is one of our first grade required assessments.				1 *Math District Assessment: Unit 1	2 School Custodial Workers Appreciation Day	3
4	5	6 PTA General Meeting 6:30-7:30	7	8 Interims Distributed -ParentVue	9	10
11	12 PTA Spirit Night at Tortacos 5:00-9:00	13	14	15 Student Individual Pictures	16 No School - Staff PD Day	17
18	19 National School Bus Safety Week	20 *ELA District Assessment: Knowledge 2	21 Dr. McNair's Birthday	22	23 PTA Trunk or Treat 5:00-7:00	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 -Last Day of Q1 -Class Halloween Parties	31

Reminders:
***All students will have their yearbook photos taken on Thursday, October 15.**

What Are We Learning?

Math



This month, students will be working on Unit 2 of Desmos Math. We focus on addition and subtraction story problems. Students will work on solving for the unknown in story problems with both manipulatives and concrete strategies, make sense of equations and show the unknown, and relate addition and subtraction.

There are 6 shovels in all. 3 are being used by classmates. The rest are lying on the ground.

How many shovels are on the ground?

$$6 = 3 + \underline{\quad} \quad 6 - 3 = \underline{\quad}$$

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Knowledge



In Knowledge 2, The Human Body, we will learn about the organs and systems inside our bodies and the jobs they do as well as how to take care of our bodies and keep them healthy. We will also learn about doctors and scientists like Edward Jenner and Louis Pasteur, whose discoveries aided in the cure of many diseases.

Toward the end of the month, we will begin our learning of Knowledge 3, Different Lands, Similar Stories. We will work to identify similarities and differences from stories around the globe, focusing on story elements, characters, setting, plot, and conflict.

Science



Students will explore light and sound in science this month. They will plan and conduct investigations to help them understand how light and sound travel.

Skills



This month, we will conclude our learning of Skills 1, the review of kindergarten concepts.

We will continue to work on: handwriting/ letter formation for all upper and lower case letters, sounds of all consonants and short vowels, and tricky words. We will use decodable readers to practice our skills when reading a text.

For writing and grammar, we will continue to focus on identifying nouns that name people, places, and things, writing sentences that include capitalization and punctuation as well as tell who and what the sentence is about.

First Grade Info

Important Links

- [Dr. REMES PTA Website](#)
- [Dr. REMES School Website](#)
- [Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#)
- [Desmos Math Family Resources](#)
- [CKLA ELA Family Resources](#)
- [Attendance Reporting Form](#): It is important that each student is at school every day as just a few absences can impact learning, but we understand illnesses and other things may arise.
 - Please use this form to let us know about student absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals. You may also email the front office and your child's teacher.

Ways to Support Learning at Home

- Keep up the great work on tying shoes!
- Encourage scholars to use complete sentences and include the unit when talking about math and other topics.
Q: How many pumpkins did we pick from the patch? A: We picked 5 pumpkins from the patch.
- Continue practicing respectful conversations and having discussions with your scholar about what being a good listener and friend looks like.

First Grade Teachers Our Favorite Fall Activities



Mrs. Blackwood

I love watching football and all the extra family time it brings. I do love all of the fall flavored treats.



Ms. Chalmers

I like to drink chai lattes, watch football games and crunch the fallen leaves.



Ms. Collins

I love visiting the pumpkin patch with my family, seeing the colorful fall trees, and watching football.



Mrs. Smith

I like going for walks, looking at the fall colors on the trees, and drinking pumpkin spice lattes.