

# First Grade News

Week of:  
December  
2<sup>nd</sup>

## Curriculum Connections



### Literacy

In reading we will begin our unit on connecting with characters. We will read stories by Jan Brett. We will learn how to compare characters within and between texts. Students will learn that characters have feelings, they learn lessons, and have similarities and differences.

In writing we will begin our unit on authors as mentors. We will study Jan Brett's writing and write stories modeled after her style. Students will learn how to use craft of mentor writers to make their writing stronger. Students will also learn that authors have a unique style that distinguishes their writing from other authors.



### MATHEMATICS

In math we will continue to work on place value by grouping things in groups of ten with leftovers or ones. Students will learn what the tens place and ones place represent when writing numbers. We will also be using our understanding of place value to compare two digit numbers. Students will continue to practice addition and subtraction using their knowledge of place value.



### SCIENCE

We will continue our unit on Earth Materials. Students will learn about silt this week and clay next week.



### Social Studies

We will explore ways that communities celebrate holidays around the world.



### Grade Level Needs

-Dry Erase Markers for students to use on the whiteboards!

### Information

Field trips this week! Students need to wear comfortable walking shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather. We will eat regular lunch when we return to school.

**Daily Schedule** (lunch and recess times vary among first grade teachers)

9:15-9:30 - Morning Meeting  
9:30-11:15 - Reading Workshop  
(11:15-11:30) - (11:45 -12:00)- Outside  
(11:50- 12:05) - (12:20- 12:35)- Lunch  
12:20-12:30 - Read Aloud  
12:30-1:40 - Math Workshop  
1:40-3:00 -Languages and Elective  
3:04-3:30 - WISE  
3:30-3:40 - Pack-up/Snack/Closing Meeting

### Dates to Remember

- December 3<sup>rd</sup>- Jones/Hojnacki Field Trip to Science Museum
- December 4<sup>th</sup> – Khan/Lobo Field Trip to Science Museum
- December 9<sup>th</sup> Interims and progress reports come home.
- December 23 - January 1<sup>st</sup>: Vacation/ No school