

First Grade News

Week of:
November
4th

Curriculum Connections



Literacy

In reading we will be reading informational texts. We will explore the differences between informational texts and fiction texts. Students will continue to work on asking and answering questions in their Read, Write, and Respond Notebooks. We will work with students in small group guided reading, one on one conferences, and whole class lessons.

In writing we have started our new unit on writing opinion pieces. Students will brainstorm things that they have opinions about in the school, home, and community settings. Students will learn how to express their opinions and provide reasons for their opinion. Students will learn how to write in a letter format.



MATHEMATICS

In math we will work on subtraction with separate result unknown CGI problems (*ex: Ben has 9 pigs. He gave 4 to John. How many pigs does Ben have now?*) Students will investigate the differences between addition and subtraction through games and activities. We will also work on other types of problem solving such as Join change unknown (*ex: Sally has 6 pens, Jo gave her some more. Now Sally has 10 pens. How many did Jo give Sally?*)



SCIENCE

We will begin our unit on Earth Materials. Students will investigate several types of rocks.



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

We have noticed a lot of toys from home appearing in all of the classrooms and the playground. Please help your child keep these toys at home. Students may bring items for their share day but the item needs to remain in their backpacks the rest of the day.

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

- November 8th – Early Release
- November 11th - Holiday
- November 12th – Report Cards go home
- November 25th – Make Up Picture Day
- November 27th-29th- Holiday Break
- December 3rd- Jones/Hojnacki Field Trip to Science Museum
- December 4th – Khan/Lobo Field Trip to Science Museum