



First Grade News

December 2023



Reading and Phonics

We will continue with our Word Detective Reading unit. In this unit students are learning strategies to read tricky words. Students look at all the letters in a word to solve word mysteries. We will pay attention to word endings (s, ed, and ing), study the ways vowels work in words, and read longer words (compound words and double consonants).

We will continue our phonics unit "The Mystery of the Silent e". We will also learn new snap words.

Math

We will continue with Topic 4, using strategies to solve subtraction facts to 20. Students will count back to subtract on number lines, make 10 to subtract and use related facts.

We will also begin Topic 5: Work with addition and subtraction equations. In this unit students are introduced to true or false equations, finding the missing number, and adding three numbers.

Continue to play Dreambox!

Writing

In writing, we will continue our How-To informational writing unit. In this unit students will learn to write steps in order to teach how to do something. We will number steps and use pictures with labels and words to teach. Students will be able to transfer their phonics knowledge into their independent writing.



Social Studies

We will continue our Geography unit. We will finish learning about our place in the world. Then, we will begin analyzing interactions between humans and their environment. Finally, we will explore the movement of people, goods and ideas.

We will also discuss different cultures and celebrations when we learn about holidays celebrated around the world.

Other -Wear tennis shoes for recess and physical education.

-Send one healthy snack each day that does not require a utensil. Also, please DO NOT send snacks that contain nuts.

-Please check your child's Take Home folder every day!

-Charge your child's laptop each night and practice logging in.