



First Grade News

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Reading and Phonics

We will begin a new reading unit called 'Readers Have Big Jobs to Do'. In this unit students will be the boss of their reading and take charge of some of the big jobs a reader needs to do.

We will begin a new phonics unit "Word Builders". Students will focus on using vowel teams to build big words. We will use snap cubes with word parts such as blends, digraphs, endings and phonograms written on them in order to create words. We will continue to introduce snap words.

Math

In Topic 9, students will learn about comparing two digit numbers. In this topic your child will learn different strategies to compare two digit numbers such as using place value blocks, hundred charts, and a tens and ones chart.

In Topic 10, students will focus on adding a 2-digit number with the sum less than 100.

Please make sure your child completes homework and returns to school the next day.

Writing



We will begin our opinion/persuasive writing unit. Students will learn how to write reviews about a collection of objects, restaurants, books, video games, etc.. Students will learn how to express their opinions, defend their judgments and convince their readers. We will continue to revise and edit to make their best writing better.

Social Studies

We will start our continue our social studies unit, economics. Students will learn about scarcity, trade, decision-making and personal finance. Students will explore ideas such as the role of scarcity in their life, why people trade goods and services, how people can make good decisions and understand personal finance as it pertains to borrowing and lending.

Other -Wear tennis shoes for recess and physical education.

- Weather pending, we will continue to go outside throughout the winter. Please dress accordingly.
- 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 laptops every night and bring laptops and headphones to school everyday!