



# First Grade News

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## Reading and Phonics

We will begin our new reading unit "Word Detectives". 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). Our new phonics unit is "The Mystery of the Silent e". Students will learn that a vowel is long when there is a magic e at the end. We will also learn new snap words. *\*Please keep practicing reading and writing snap words*

## Math

In Topic 4, we will solve subtraction problems to 20 using different strategies. In Topic 5, we will work with addition and subtraction equations. We will learn about true equations, adding three addends, and find unknown numbers.

Vocabulary: fact families, related facts, and number lines.

**Play Dreambox at home!**

## Writing

In writing, we will begin 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 begin our new social studies unit, Geography. In this unit, students will identify where we live in the world. We will discuss the seven continents, map features, physical and human features, and our natural environment.

## 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.