First grade is kicking off 2015 by beginning our Reading Unit on Becoming a Classroom Citizen. We will work on understanding the details in texts to help us retell stories and identify the central message.

In Writing, we will formulate an opinion and supply evidence to support reasons for the opinion. As Learners, we will explore content to understand how children contribute to a classroom community as “classroom citizens.”

Our Math Unit will focus on developing an understanding of whole number relationships and place value, including grouping tens and ones. The BIG question is “How do you use place value to model, read and write numbers to 120?”

We have begun our next unit in Fundations, which involves learning two new glued sounds /am/ and /an/. The trick words for this unit are: from, have, do and does. This is a quick unit, which will lead us to the introduction of our next unit where we will learn the concept of baseword and suffix—words that involve plurals (shop—shops). The trick words for Unit 6 will be: were, are, who, what, when, where, there and here.

The next Social Studies unit focuses on “The Community.” We will be answering the question: What is a community?, and learning about citizens—members of a community or group. Students are citizens of their local and global communities.

During Science, we are beginning our study about the differences between day and night. We will also be discussing the importance of germs and how we can prevent them from spreading.

Important Dates to remember:
Monday, January 12th – Trip to see Frosty the Snowman
Wednesday, January 14th – Puppetry Begins
Monday, January 19th – No School in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday