



First Grade June News

2016



In **ReadyGEN**, We will begin our next module which continues to focus on "Making Choices"; however, the texts we will be immersing ourselves with are based upon informational texts. During reading, we will understand that the details in the text support the author's main points. As learners, we will explore content to understand that people make decisions about how to spend what they earn. As writers, we will understand that an opinion has to be supported with a reason.

In Science

We are learning about light and where it comes from. As scientists, we will explore what heat is and where it comes from. We will also understand what light can do and how a shadow is made.

In Social Studies we are learning about Community Economics. We are learning how communities meet people's needs and how families and communities make choices about wants, needs and scarce resources. First grade is understanding what goods and services are and we are defining the meaning of consumers and producers.



In Foundations, children will be taught about the **closed syllable**. Closed syllables can only have one vowel. The vowel is followed by one or more consonants therefore it is closed in. The vowel sound is short and we mark the word up with a breve. We will also introduce vowel teams such as : **ai, ay, ee, ea, ey, oi** and **oy**. The trick words for this unit are: **say, says, see between** and **each**.



In Math we are broadening our knowledge of 2 dimensional shapes. We are discovering ways to sort and describe shapes such as **circles, rectangles, squares, triangles, hexagons** and **trapezoids**. We are learning new vocabulary such as **vertices and sides**. We will identify **equal** and **unequal** parts in 2 dimensional shapes as well. We will discover ways a shape can be separated into halves and fourths too. We will compose 2 dimensional shapes and make new 2-D shapes. This will help us identify and compare shapes and find similarities such as equal side length. When we decompose 2-D shapes we will find the individual shapes that have been placed together to form a 2-D shape. This will help us develop the concept of parts of a whole. When a shape is decomposed into equal parts we are engaging in an activity that serves as foundational learning for fractions.

Reminders:

June 2nd – Trip to Central Park Zoo

June 9th & June 14th – No School

June 21st – Carnival Day

(rain date June 27th)

June 22nd – Trip to see Finding Dori

June 28th – Last day of School

