



# First grade News

March 2017

In **Reading and Writing**, we are continuing our studies of opinion writing and reading to learn how to become good classroom citizens. We will be using T-charts, Venn Diagrams and other graphic organizers to help us collect information and make connections to our books. We will be reading two books that will teach us what it means to be good classroom citizens, and then we will finish up the unit by writing our own opinion pieces. We will learn how to state an opinion and support it by using evidence. We are learning how to be great citizens!!!

In **Math**, we are beginning unit 7, which focuses on using the place value concepts we have just learned to compare numbers. We will understand how to use the symbols '<', '>', and '=' to tell if numbers are greater than, less than, or equal to each other.

In **STEM**, our students are continuing to learn about the properties of matter. We will be exploring the three states of matter as well as how scientists draw conclusions about the world around them through making observations. We will also be learning about the water cycle and various water issues that are presently affecting our planet.

In **Foundations**, we will be doing Units 7 and 8. Unit 7 focuses on new glued sounds ending with 'ng' and 'nk'. Eventually, we will learn how to add the suffix 's' to the end of these words. In unit 8, we will be learning about the difference between a blend and a digraph. A digraph contains two consonants and only makes one sound. A blend contains two or more consonants but they each make their own sound.

In **Social Studies**, we are still discussing the various elements of a community. We will be talking about how people meet their needs in a community and what some of the responsibilities of citizens in a community are. We are beginning to learn about maps and how they are useful to navigate, and gather information about a community. Finally, we will be learning about how protecting the environment can help our communities.

## A few Reminders...

Each class has individual trips to Oliloli this month!

- Kolberg - March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Miles - March 8<sup>th</sup>
- Lathrop- March 14<sup>th</sup>
- Lieberman- March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Axelrod- March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Romano/Diaz- March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Parent Teacher Conferences are on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Fun Friday is on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.