



First Grade News



As Readers, we will understand and use the characteristics of nonfiction texts to learn about the world. Nonfiction readers will understand how to read nonfiction texts to become smarter about the world, they will use strategies to identify the main topic and supporting details and they will compare information from books on the same topic. This unit will teach readers to approach a book expecting to learn, think and question.

As Writers, we will write information to teach all about a topic on which we are experts. We will learn to develop our facts with more information and elaborate on our topics. We will use text features such as; a table of contents, index, glossary, photographs and diagrams and captions, to better inform our readers about our topics.

In Science our students are learning about the 3 states of matter. We will be forming hypothesis, asking questions, making observations and drawing conclusions as we conduct experiments in the class.

In Social Studies we are learning how families grow and change over time. We will analyze photos from the past and present to identify similarities and differences between families long ago and today. We will create our own timelines that reflect important events and changes within our own families over time.

In Foundations we have started Unit 6 which focuses on the suffix *-s*. We learned that the suffix *-s* can also sounds like "z". We also know that we underline a base word and circle the suffix *-s*. Our trick words for the unit are: were, are, when, who, went, where, there and here.

In Math, we will complete Unit 6 as we model, count and group numbers to develop an understanding of place value. Math Detectives will use manipulatives such as connecting cubes and base-ten blocks to understand the place value system. We will also be working on unit 7 which focuses on comparing numbers. We will learn about the symbols less than, greater than and equal to. The main concepts are comparing numbers that are greater than or less than another number with pictures, words and models.

In the Sanford Harmony Program, we are working on showing kindness towards others and celebrating each other's differences.

Reminders:

2/9 - Fun Friday – Math Games
2/16 – School Closed in Observance of LUNAR NEW YEAR
2/19 – 23 School Closed – Mid-Winter Recess
Trip to Oliloli – 101- 2/5, 103 – 2/6, 104 – 2/7, 102 – 2/8, 131 – 2/12 & 132 – 2/15